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Thursday, May 14, 1998

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Commissioners' race heats up with 20 names on the ballot

Crawford County 1998

Candidates

As of May 12 at 5:00 PM, the following candidates had presented signed petitions for office or paid the mandatory \$100 filing fee to waive the petition process.

Precinct	District #	Petitioner, Political Party
701	1	Harold Golnick Norm Bancroft (R)
101 & 302	2	Robert E. Nelson (D) Loren J. Goodale (R) Mary E. Harland (R) J. L. Stephan (R) Scott Hanson (R)
201 & 401 & 501	3	Jeffrey W. Hills (R) Harold J. Mertes (D) Clement C. Sajdak (D) Barbara A. Selesky (R) Randall Black (R) Shelley Pinkelman (R)
303	4	Lynnette S. Corlew (R) Frank J. Foguth (R) Fred T. Shippy (R)
304	5	Elizabeth H. Wieland (D) Robert Smock, Jr. (R)
301 & 601	6	Terry L. Beardslee (R) Bruce T. Bretzke (R)

Consumers Energy offers rewards in insulator shootings

Consumers Energy is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for three recent vandalism incidents.

In the City of Grayling, gunshot damage to insulators on a 46,000 volt line at the south end of Industrial Drive was discovered in March.

Also in March, damage was discovered in Arenac County. Gunshot damage to insulators was located on a 345,000 volt line. The damage was located south of Allen Road and east of Rosebush Road in Moffatt Township.

In Bay County, vandals also damaged insulators and wire on a large tower north of Hotchkiss Road along Three Mile Road in Monitor Township.

"We're very concerned about our customers who can be adversely affected by outages caused by vandalism," said Carl English, vice president of electric transmission and distribution. "In some instances, customers on electric line-supply are not fully insulated by outages of this type."

Anyone with information regarding any of these vandalism incidents is asked to call Consumers Energy at 1-800-477-3000, or their local law enforcement agency.



Photo by Shirley D. Schmoock

CREATIVE QUILTERS — Grayling quilter, Marian Welch, Sandy Crandall, — President of AuSable Quilt Guild, Maat Hoogerhuis, visitor from the Netherlands, and Roscommon quilter, Pat Anderson display a quilted wallhanging of a fly fisherman.

Quilting friends meet at last Pen pal visits from the Netherlands

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

Quilter Maat Hoogerhuis, who hails from the Netherlands, was welcomed by local quilters recently. All were eager to exchange friendships, stories and — of course — quilt blocks.

AuSable Quilt Guild president, Sandy Crandall, introduced Ms. Hoogerhuis, who is in the United States for two weeks visiting quilter, Pat Anderson of Roscommon. Maat has a brother in California, so she has been to the United States several times, but she said she is always anxious to return when the opportunity permits.

Ms. Anderson first made another acquaintance in the Netherlands by responding through a quilting magazine when a lady wrote requesting someone from the United States exchange quilt blocks with her. The lady's letter to the U.

S. promoted over 250 responses, and suddenly Ms. Anderson's foreign correspondent was overwhelmed with offers to exchange quilt blocks.

Quilt blocks are smaller versions of the larger piece, and it usually takes many "blocks" to make an entire quilt. The quilt in the photo of the ladies is a wall hanging and is done as a single unit, but many quilt patterns call for a repetition of a block, often with color changes.

Because Ms. Anderson's friend from the Netherlands was not English speaking, she quickly began to share the many letters and requests with her quilting friends. It was then that Ms. Anderson was fortunate enough to connect with Ms. Hoogerhuis, and the two have been "quilting pen pals" for several years now.

They share the same birthday, many interests, and a love for quilting, but they have also spoken frequently about Maat making the trip to the United States for a visit. Then one day last month, a card came to Pat that she "was on her way."

Maat shared many of her experiences with the group. She said her country was occupied during the war years, and she lost many friends and relatives in the confrontations. She comes from a town called Alpen-on-the-Rhine, and Alpen is located on Zeeland. Ms. Hoogerhuis is a former geography teacher and she loves to travel.

Zeeland is the most westerly province of Holland and is bounded on the north by South Holland, to the east by North Brabant, on the southeast by Belgium, and on the west by the North Sea. Maat's Zeeland is not to be confused with Denmark's largest island, Zealand.

Sheriff gets millage

At the May 12 Board of Commissioners meeting it was decided by a 4-2 vote that a proposed 1.75 mills for the Sheriff's Department special patrols will be put on the ballot.

High School band earns 'straight ones' at State

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Grayling High School Band earned a Division I rating at the State Band Festival in Alpena.

To even be eligible for this April 25 Festival the participating bands first had to earn "ones" from judges at the District Band Festival.

The State Festival judges, who all awarded Grayling "ones," had plenty of positive things to say about the Grayling Band.

One judge commented: "I enjoyed hearing your performance today. You have distinguished your band and your school with the pride and enthusiasm of your performance. Be proud of what you have accom-

plished."

This occasion was the first time the Grayling Senior Band was able to compete in State Festival as Class B, and the group responded well.

"The students and the parents were wonderful, and the band deserves the recognition of being one of the best in the state," said band director Dennis Ormsbee.

"The level of competition this year was very high, with only a select few receiving a one rating," continued Ormsbee. "I guess what makes this even sweeter was that we were the last band of the day, and to still receive a one meant a great deal."

James Briney, Managing Director of the Road Commission for Crawford County since Sept. 19, 1994, has been on a paid leave of absence since May 2, pending an investigation into allegations of wrongdoing by the Road Commission Board of Directors.

The majority vote to suspend Briney was made after the Chairperson, Raymond Swiercz received an April 17 advisory letter from Briney regarding the Board's action pertaining to certain issues before the Commission, as well as request that Swiercz abstain from voting on the upcoming acceptance of the Deerfield Estates subdivision plat.

The allegations made against Briney include claims that he "defamed" the Chairperson by way of the April 17 letter thereby creating a "hostile and non-manageable" work environment. Additionally, Briney is accused of attempting to misappropriate public funds for charging a single meal while traveling on Commission business, failing to communicate with the board regarding litigation, misrepresenting the status of a bill owed to a local contractor and directing employees

of the Road Commission not to communicate with Board members.

When contacted, Briney denied each allegation and indicated that he has been instructed by his attorney not to discuss the charges and the pending hearing, which is set for May 21 at 10 a.m. in The Road Commission for Crawford County Board Room.

However, Briney indicated that the "actions of the Board have caused me and my family tremendous upheaval and emotional distress. I will not be discouraged from protecting the financial interests of the citizens of Crawford County and the proper management of the road system because of a threat to terminate my employment. I was hired by this Board to operate the Road Commission in an efficient, lawful, ethical and prudent manner, I intend to continue to do so."

Briney has not been provided specific details of the allegations. A formal request for all supporting evidence of the allegations was made on May 11 by his attorney, Cynthia S. Fitzgerald of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Ms. Fitzgerald is a labor law specialist who has been retained by Briney to defend the

charges made against him and to evaluate possible causes of action Briney may have against the Road Commission as a result of their activities.

Briney, through his attorney, has requested that the hearing on the charges be held in an open meeting and that the Board provide a court reporter to maintain an official record of the proceedings. Ms. Fitzgerald stated, "Although I have received only preliminary information regarding the specifics of the charges against my client, I have been overwhelmed by community support and offers to help by numerous community leaders, citizens and friends of Jim Briney. In 17 years of practicing law I have never seen such an outpouring of respect, and unsolicited offers to testify on a client's behalf."

As to the charges, Ms. Fitzgerald indicated that, in her opinion, the charges are meritless, spurious and self-serving.

"My client was served with these outlandish charges when he returned from vacation, he was locked out of his office, denied access to the records to disprove the allegations, and instructed to refrain from com-

ing to Commission offices. The charges themselves are fundamentally defective since they completely fail to give my client sufficient notice as to the underlying facts supporting allegations so as to allow him a reasonable opportunity to appear and defend himself."

"We are looking forward to the opportunity to conduct this 'hearing' in open session. It is my strong belief that the citizens of Crawford County be given the opportunity to see and hear first hand what this Board is attempting to do with its Managing Director. I would encourage all interested citizens to appear and learn how their tax dollars are being spent. The charges levied against Briney are, in my opinion, an abuse of power by a Board that has its own interests, not that of the County, at stake."

This press release was received at The Avalanche on May 11. It was prepared and sent by Cynthia S. Fitzgerald of Grand Rapids.

The content has been edited only for reasons of space and no information has been deleted.

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Plat approved for Deerfield Estates

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

At a special meeting called by the Road Commission for Crawford County on May 8, the vote was unanimous -- 3 to 0 -- to give preliminary plat approval to the Deerfield Estates subdivision in Beaver Creek Township.

Developers Tony and Terry Maurer have been seeking approval so work can begin on the 73-unit single-family home subdivision. County road commissioner William Gannon also signed the approved plat as the county drain commissioner. The county has no official drain commissioner.

Commission member Robert Nelson explained that Gannon serves in this capacity for special projects, because "when the Census was taken in 1990 and the county went over 12,000 in population, appointing a drain commissioner became the responsibility of the county board of commissioners. And, they haven't done it."

The request for approval was the only item on the Agenda of the meeting, and the approval for Deerfield Estates was accompanied by a written opinion dated May 6 from attorney for the road commission, William Carey, stating:

"The Road Commission is concerned that their approval of the preliminary plat may obligate the Road Commission to maintain the roads within the plat without there being adequate protection for the completion of the roads to county road specifications, or subsequent development of the plat to justify maintenance of the roads. I believe that the Land Division Act contains safeguards to address the Road Commission's concerns."

The opinion went on to state that the Road Commission may "condition their preliminary approval upon the proprietor obtaining a surety

bond in an amount sufficient to ensure completion (of the roads) within the time specified."

Beaver Creek Township Supervisor, Lee Riley, was on hand for the vote. He specifically requested a yes-or-no answer to the question: "Are you going to accept these roads into the county road sys-

tem or not?"

Nelson said he felt that further negotiation first needed to be concluded before any vote could be taken with regard to that issue.

Gannon said, "and before such a discussion could occur, lots of things have to happen first." He also said that the board, today, was

only voting to accept the Preliminary Plat for Deerfield Estates so certain deadlines could be met.

The next regular meeting of the Road Commission for Crawford County is scheduled for Thursday, May 14 at 10 a.m.

Citizens to vote on 911

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

At a regular meeting of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners on May 12, the vote was four to two to allow the Central Dispatch - 911 issue to appear on the August 4 Primary Election ballot.

This ballot proposal is not a millage increase, but a request that a special surcharge -- a charge allowed by state law -- be applied to a users phone bill every month. It is not a tax increase.

The voters will be given an opportunity to pay \$2.18 each month -- which is the amount of the surcharge placed automatically on a users regular phone bill -- should the ballot proposal be approved. The added amount is a direct subsidy and can only be applied to the operation of the county's 911 system.

Due to the layoff of county employees, several departments have been hit hard with the cuts. But the E-911 system, due of the special provisions offered by a state law to provide such funding, could continue to operate at the current staffing levels if the voters approve the increase. It would take effect

immediately upon its acceptance.

As Commissioner Dennis Long stated prior to the vote being cast, "the point needs to be made that in 1979, when the Dispatch office was in the Sheriff's Department, there were adequate funds appropriated to operate the system."

"But, sometime later, overworked jail staff were also assigned to dispatch calls, and through an unfortunate tragedy in the jail, an inmate died. It cost the county \$100,000."

"That is when the county went to civilian dispatchers. They cost less money than deputies, and dispatching emergency calls was their job."

The board of commissioners managed to get the community and townships to participate in funding the additional equipment, and the office was budgeted to operate at adequate levels."

Beaver Creek Fire Chief Ed Holtcamp was on hand to present the proposal to place the matter on the August ballot, and to explain why the additional dollars were necessary to maintain the levels of staffing at 911-Central Dispatch.

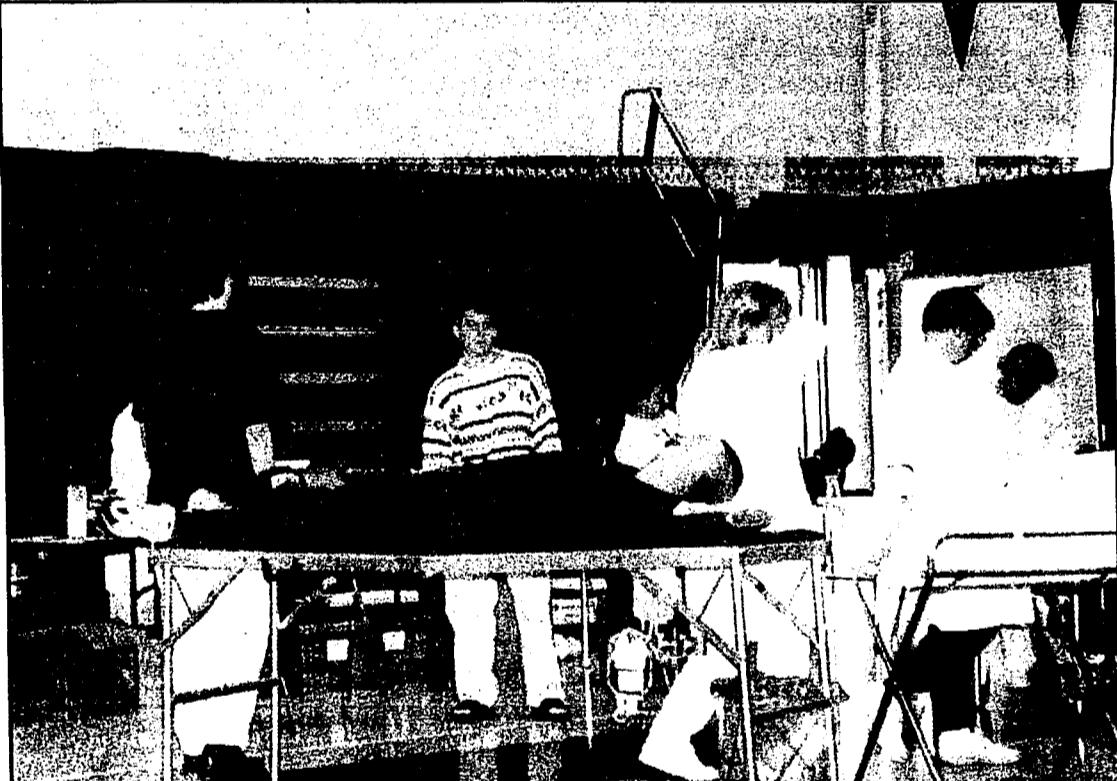
"I have one vote and so does everybody else. If the community supports the initiative, then Crawford County should honor that

vote by staffing and buying equipment for the 911 system. This surcharge is not intended to replace the entire funding of the system, but to supplement it."

Larry Akers, Director for 911 said "Ed Holtcamp is here today to represent all area fire departments. They've had a number of meetings regarding emergency response concerns, and rather than me coming here as another department head asking for more money, we thought it best that those using the system present the ballot proposal."

The language which will appear on the ballot will read:

"For the purpose of equipping, operating, and maintaining the E-911 emergency service and Central Dispatch costs, shall there be a monthly assessment by the County of Crawford of no more than sixteen (16%) percent of the highest monthly flat rate charged by a telephone service supplier for a single party access line (\$2.18) upon telephone service users within the Crawford County 9-1-1 Service District for a period not to exceed four (4) years? Starting October 1, 1998 and ending September 30, 2002."



BLOOD DRIVE -- Local residents and high schoolers donated their time and blood for the Red Cross Blood Drive held on May 6 at the Grayling High School gym.

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Grayling generating station honored with three safety awards

Grayling generating station was honored by the Safety Council for West Michigan with three awards.

The station's 25 employees as a unit earned awards for: low accident/incident rate, no lost-time accidents and lowest incident rate for a firm its size.

"During 1997, your organization exhibited a strong effort to improve its safety performance," Safety Council executive director Mary Gustas told the Grayling station.

"We are pleased to be able to recognize those efforts at our 51st annual safety awards luncheon. It also reinforces the importance your company places on safety in the work place."

Grayling has received CMS Generation safety excellence awards

every year since its inception four years ago.

The employees have worked without a lost time accident since the plant began operating in 1992.

"Everyone at the plant is proactive and hazard-oriented," said assistant plant manager Phil Lewis, who is responsible for plant safety and environmental compliance.

"Employees make suggestions to improve safety to the safety committee, which reviews them and sends them to (plant manager) Dan Nally for approval. A unique behavioral-based safety program developed by the committee has helped Grayling continue its safety record."

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Armed Forces Day is May 16

May 16 is Armed Forces Day. Each year, on the third Saturday in May, we pause as a nation to reflect on the unity and common purposes of the United States Armed Forces, and to honor those dedicated American men and women who serve selflessly, in both times of peace and conflict, preserving our liberty.

For Americans, freedom is a way of life — a birthright. As citizens, we inherit this blessing through that precious legacy of our Founding Fathers — the Constitution. But the vision for this great nation, as embodied there, encompasses more than individual liberties. It also envisions peace with our freedom. And today we know securing that peace requires a strong national defense.

Since the birth of our Nation, America's military has served the United States with honor, courage and

distinction, both at home and abroad, in peace and in war.

On the threshold of the 21st century, the Nation's military is an institution with people at its core — Active Duty, National Guard, Reserve, civilian employees, families and retired members.

Today's men and women in uniform are Americans first, and service members by choice. As such, they have a genuine vested interest in defending our nation's cherished blessing of freedom. Their strength, character, and belief in something greater than themselves are linchpins in maintaining our military as the finest in the world.

Americans, both in and out of uniform, are grateful for having such a dedicated and united-in-purpose body of soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and coastguardsmen committed to their

common role of preserving peace and defending against aggression. However, with the numbers of citizens with military experience steadily declining, this appreciation cannot be taken for granted.

We must be firmly resolved to continue our efforts toward the goal of peace with freedom — while always remembering it was the members of our Armed Forces who fought for and so gallantly guarded our freedoms.

In this century alone, they sacrificed to protect our blessings of liberty in two World Wars, Korea, Vietnam, Grenada, Panama, Desert Storm, along Cold War, and in numerous conflicts around the globe.

As Lieutenant General Henry Hatch said, "There is before us the opportunity to build on that character that sets the soldiers of a free country apart — they fight in battle not because

they are ordered to do so or because they possess an abiding hate, but because they love — their nation, their unit, their fellow soldiers, their families. But when any of those they hold sacred are violated, the soldier of a free country rises up with an unmatched vigor and a determination to fight and win — and once victory is achieved, to return to an enduring peace."

Armed Forces Day, is a time to remember our history and, in remembering, honor all those who gave so freely of themselves so we might enjoy all that America has to offer.

FOOTNOTES FROM THE HILLS

Grayling Recreation Authority News

by Cindy Olson

KITE DAY — Saturday May 16, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Hanson Hills Recreation Area. Free kites and refreshments. Sponsored by CSI. 140 kites available, first come, first served.

MEN'S SOFTBALL — A meeting will be held Monday, May 18, at 6 p.m. in the Main Lodge at Hanson Hills. Please attend and register then.

GRAYLING FISH HATCHERY — Opening on May 23rd. Season passes will be available again this year. Cost is \$5 for senior citizens, \$10 per couple and \$15 for family.

T-BALL — Registration for K-2 boys and girls T-ball is \$20 before May 29. Late registration is \$25. Games begin June 5. Game time 9 a.m. or 10 a.m. Saturday mornings. For more information contact Joe Lehman at 348-9266.

YOUTH SOFTBALL — Registration for 3rd - 8th grade boys and girls softball is \$20 before May 19. Late registration \$25. Games begin Friday, May 22. Game time 6 p.m. For more information contact Joe Lehman 348-9266.

INTERNET — Visit us on our new home page - www.hansonhills.org or E-mail us at hanshills@mich.com. You can check out all the happenings at Hanson Hills.

GRAND TRAVERSE

FOOT NOTES

by Ronald K. Olim, D.P.M.

POST-SPRAIN PAIN

As we enter the prime time for outdoor activity, the high season for sprained ankles arrives as well. The immediate treatment for a sprain is R.I.C.E: rest, ice, compression, and elevation. The story doesn't end there, however. It's not uncommon to find the return of pain several months down the road, well after what someone thought was a mild sprain has supposedly healed. This can be the result of damaged nerves in the sprain area. Without proper treatment for a sprain injury, the nerves often don't repair properly, leaving them unable to transmit vital information to the brain. The ankle is then at risk of further injury and recurring pain. You may know your body and how it reacts better than anyone, but at GRAND TRAVERSE FOOT & ANKLE CENTER, P.C., we've been specially trained to diagnose the strains, sprains, fractures, and other problems that can occur to your feet. Don't rely on home diagnosis to determine what's wrong. Turn instead to the professionals who have had years of education and experience treating injuries, conditions, diseases, and deformities. That's what we do best here at 1209 E. 8th Street, Traverse City. Call 922-9100 & 800-968-7440 for an appointment. Offices in Traverse City, also Kalkaska Memorial Health Center Monday & Wednesday afternoons and evenings. P. S. Physiotherapy to repair damaged nerves may be only one part of a comprehensive program to rebuild a sprained ankle.

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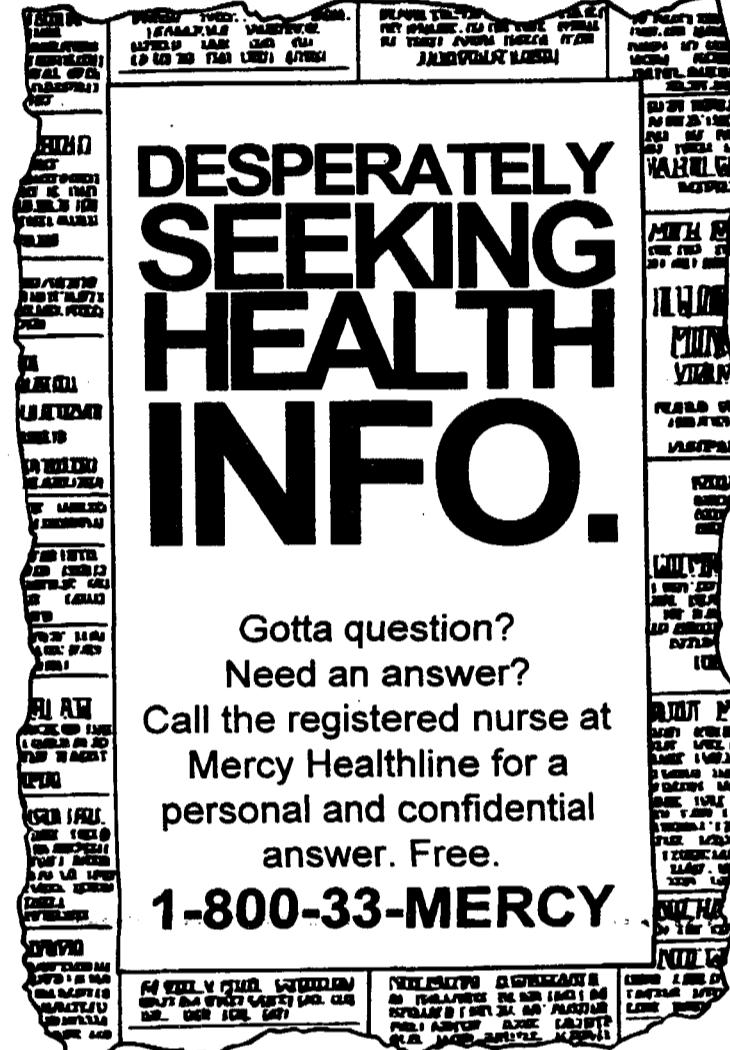
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A RUSSIAN HELLO TO YOU — The Fifth Grade Choir gave their Spring Concert on May 7. The opening number involved groups of choir members greeting the audience with a "Hello" in 17 different languages. Pictured here is the group that sang in Russian. Around the microphone are Beth Brewer, Michael Gammon, Bill Golnick, Russell Peters and Tim Decker. Looking on is Jaimi Drudge.



MUSIC'S IN THE AIR — The Fifth Grade Band, under the direction of David Gott and his assistant Krys Rugenstein, gave a performance on May 7 named *The Beginning*. Music selections were *Camptown Races*, *When the Saints Go Marching In*, *Zum Gali Gali*, and *First Concert March*. In the flute section are Elizabeth Banda, Holly Derenzy, Jaimi Drudge, Brian Gomez, Jody Lewis, Tracey Lewis, Nikki Lynch, Casey Mahaffey, Kassie McClain, Jill Mirate, Diane Niederhouse, Mallory Olson, Erica Parker, Kara Paterson, Jodi Riddle, Krista Smith, Katie Voelker and Rachel Wheeling. Clarinetists are Jessica Bellanger, Randy Bordeaux, Beth Brewer, June Clark, Ellie Curriston, Erica Fenn, Tara Griffith, Hope Guardido, Hannah Hall, Jon Handy, Casey King, Samantha LeMaster, Anna Lepsy, Jennifer Long, Heather Metzer, Natasha Mulder, Samantha Palmer, Billie Jo Perkins, Valerie Purisfull, Nicole Reyes, Mallory Sager, Kyle Seewald, Zak Timmons and Jenny VanNuck. On the saxophone are Brian Borchers, Tim Decker, Emily Dunckley, David Galvani, Nick Henning, Russ Peters, Becky Ramaswamy, Lauren Sayler and Jessica Wakeley. In the trumpet section are Veronica Caid, Dee Galloway, Adam Gilbert, Bill Golnick, Jimmy Jansen, T.J. Luke, Alex McNamara, Ben Smith, Kyle Trudgeon and Zak Wagner. Trombonists are James Haven, Richard Haight, Greg Petrie and Doug Webb. Percussionists are Kyle Alexander and Josh Hinkle.



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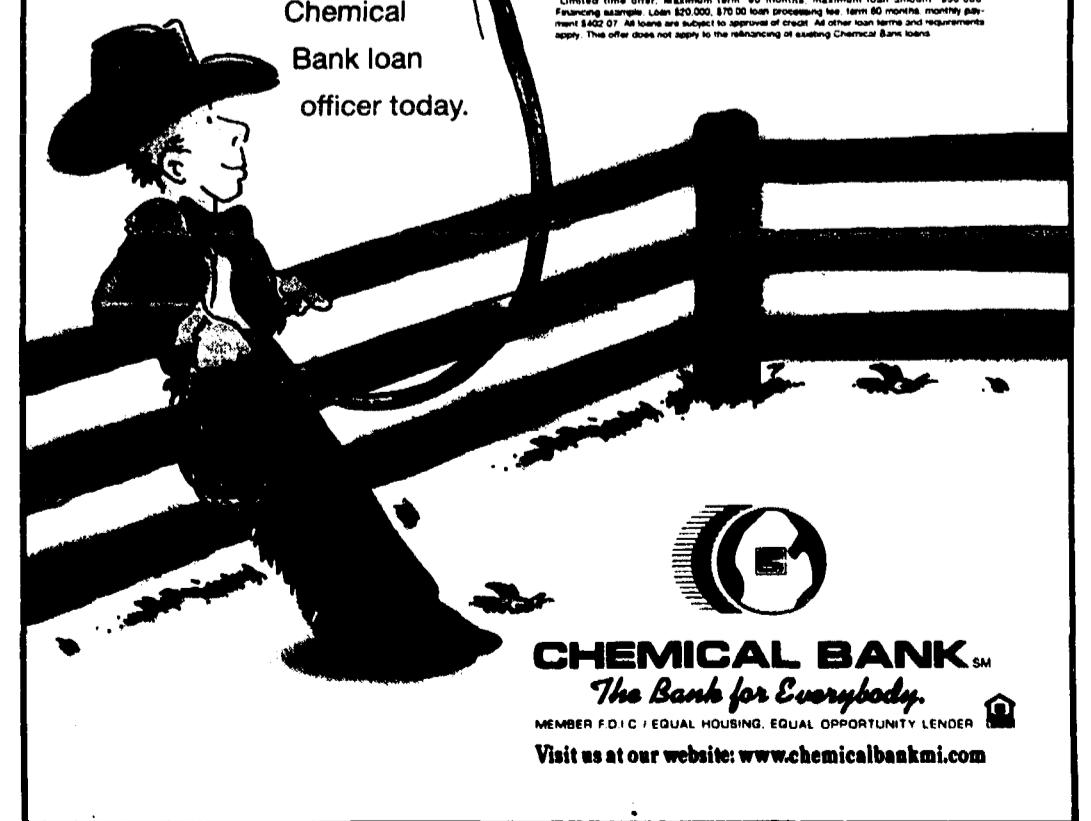
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ISSUES AND
OPINIONS**ALMANACK**

by Richard Milliman

In the Spring, young folk's fancy churns

I SEE BY THE PAPERS that in a small, usually quiet town in Ohio students at Miami University the other night took to the streets and confronted representatives of law enforcement agencies.

What precipitated the unpleasantness in Oxford, Ohio, according to reports, is that bars were closing early. Apparently it had something to do with final exams, or ending the school year, or something of that sort.

Upset young drinkers prematurely turned out of the bars expressed their displeasure. It turned into a riot, according to some reports.

I also see by the papers that out on the west coast, students at Washington State University a week or so ago had to be contained by law enforcement agencies when they decided to wreak some late night havoc around town.

Property damage, some injuries, some arrests ensued.

Similar reports pop up from time to time at other campus towns around the country.

Any of this sound familiar?

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CLOSER TO HOME, students at Michigan State University wal-

lowed around in downtown East Lansing a week or so ago, setting street fires, shouting and threatening police with rocks and bottles.

Tear gas was used. Arrests were made. Officials scan photos and video to identify rowdies. Judges take actions.

The MSU administration continues up in arms. President Peter McPherson named a task force. Action is promised. Heads will roll.

Several common threads run through these demonstrations — and most others like them:

** Almost always, student disturbances happen at night.

** Almost always, alcohol is involved.

** Only a handful of students are involved. At MSU, for example, the total student body is 40,000, while 3,000 rioted, 37,000 did not.

** Frequently many non-students are involved... nearby high schoolers, others who hang out in college towns to enjoy the atmosphere, still others who just like to raise hell.

** Disturbances usually happen in the spring, and usually at the end of the school year, when student nerves are taut and anxiety over final exams runs higher than usual.

STUDENT RIOTS sometimes are focused on a cause — real or imagined.

At MSU, the riot started as a demonstration against closing one parking lot favored by students for tailgate partying at home football games. No more booze in that lot, the MSU administration ruled.

Of course, there are plenty of other football parking lots where booze also flows freely — but these others are favored by alumni, boosters, businesses and similar older folks.

Banning booze on a single parking lot is an inconsequential reason for riots, fires, tear gas and arrests.

Some participants claimed the MSU disturbance was reaction to continual police hassling of students, and a perceived anti-student attitude in East Lansing. However, that sounds like after-the-fact rationalization.

Closing bars early, such as in Ohio, is no reason for violence, either.

The truth seems to be that sap rises in the spring, and historically so does a tendency for many young folks to act unwisely in public.

* * *

IN MANY WAYS, student disturbances — especially in the spring — are inevitable. University student bodies are young folks between ages 18-22 or so, who are both vibrant and vulnerable.

Should student demonstrations/disturbances/riots/etc., be ignored or condoned?

Certainly not. Injuries are no laughing matter. Neither is property damage.

When police officers face physical danger, it cannot be ignored, either. But tear gas is a serious business, too.

MSU President McPherson is focusing on the unwise use of alcohol by young folks. That's a good focus.

Trying to curb youthful drinking may be swimming upstream in today's society. Our culture seems to exalt drinking, and alcohol advertising and promotion aim directly and incessantly at the young. But, any effort to turn the tide is worth it.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

POINT OF VIEW

Terry Wright,
Grayling Township Supervisor

Wright asks citizens for compassion toward county commissioners

skyrocketed. The county is required, by law, to comply with those and many other demands.

I'm not surprised that Crawford County doesn't have the projected revenues to cover its projected expenses. Providing better service to the citizens is what every elected official strives to do and it's why most of us won your vote. The only time I'll ever be surprised when any government is in financial trouble will be if it ever happens to Grayling Township. I pray that will never happen.

It's too easy to blame the commissioners, or the treasurer, or the sheriff. I know all of them to be dedicated and conscientious public servants, not career politicians. They have put their butts on the line to do your business. I see agony in their eyes in working to solve the current situation. They are not stupid and they are not evil, they are your neighbors and I'm confident they will come up with the right solution.

The real tragedy in cutting the county budget is that some fine people have to lose their jobs, but from top to bottom, there are no guarantees in public service unless you work for the IRS and even that shell may be cracking.

It has been suggested that Grayling Township pick up some of the expenses of the sheriff department so that current staffing could be maintained. The township board of trustees will discuss that and other possibilities.

It is important for you to know that Grayling Township collects about one-sixth the revenue that the county collects, thus our budget is about one-sixth as large. Even with some money in the bank it would be impossible for the township to support a very large expenditure for more than a short time without raising taxes. Nobody wants to do that.

These are hard times for the officials in county government, but even though I often don't agree with their individual or collective decisions, as long as I see their dedication to do what has to be done — as long as I see the agony in their eyes — I will know they are doing their best and I will continue to support them. They deserve your support also.

**FROM OUR CORNER**

by Whitey Madsen

Bordering the ridiculous, etc.

A few thoughts of the ol' fella that border the ridiculous... and other observations...

I have often wondered how many gullible people Slick Willie conned into thinking it was his administration that caused the building boom in Las Vegas, when he made his silly trip out there.

We have been going to Vegas over 10 years to visit our son, Dane, and family, and there hasn't been one time that they weren't building subdivisions, hotels and most anything else.

While on his recent trip to tour Africa, Clinton became real generous with U.S. taxpayers' money by giving \$120 million in aid to African schools and \$16 million to help Africa combat AIDS. We should have such a sugar daddy!?

At the same time in another article, in another paper, it was announced there are nearly 35 million hungry Americans. I have to wonder where our priorities begin.

While in Africa he met with Nelson Mandela and made a big to-do... Prior to Clinton's visit, Mandela had condemned the United States and upheld Saddam Hussein and all that he stands for. The article never mentioned how many millions he gave to South Africa.

I hate to think what will happen when he makes his trip to China. He already provided the Chinese, with deep pockets, access to some classified material at their koffee klatches earlier. There is always a chance he

could supply them with the blue prints to the Pentagon to show them his friendship.

At least that wouldn't be money out of the taxpayers' pockets. It will cost enough just to fly Air Force One over there.

Speaking of Air Force One... with all these sex scandals and Prosecutor Starr after the first couple, they have been flying all over the country, living on the aircraft. It would be much cheaper if they were sleeping at the White House. But, then, they couldn't have gone to church with their daughter out in California.

When Judge Susan Webber-Wright finally decided to throw out the Paula Jones harassment case against the president, he got real brave and remarked that if only he was Joe Six-pack he would have liked to have had his day in court.

Now I hope Ms. Jones wins her appeal of the decision so Joe Six-pack can show his colors and have his day in court. Don't hold your breath for this to happen.

I was really touched by the confession of the former queen, Elizabeth Ward-Gracen, of her one-night stand with the president in 1983. She said it was consensual, and apologized to Hillary. I must say the Prez has quite a track record. I wonder how he keeps a record of his conquests?

This appeared in the Houghton Lake Resoriter a week ago...

(Reprinted from Resoriter back issues)

50 years ago-April 30, 1948

"One of the most successful Dawn patrols in the history of Michigan aviation was held last Saturday at Grayling, at which time the field was re-dedicated in honor of the late Charles J. McNamara, Jr., pioneer Grayling flier... Included in the list of fliers registered (was)...Gov. Kim Sigler."

Now, only emergency civilian aircraft can land at the air field... Progress?

STATE POLICE POST?
With an austerity program invoked by the county commissioners and the cutting of the Sheriff's Dept. nearly in half, maybe this would be a good time to lobby for a State Police Post here.

Grayling sits at the V where I-75 and US-27 meet, and is the hub of M-72 that carries traffic to Traverse City, the fastest growing city in the north, plus the many resorts in that area.

Doesn't hurt anything to try!

AN IDLE THOUGHT... I have been wondering what President Clinton was thinking when he asked for executive privilege to stop two of his cronies from testifying in the Monica Lewinsky case?

Executive privilege is for the president to use only when national interests demand it. Maybe he thought Ms. Lewinsky may try to bomb the White House now that she can't get in the back door at night.

60th MILESTONE

If any one would have told me on that April day, 1938, that I would be writing a column in May, 1998 for the Grayling paper, I would have told them they were crazy, and go see a head-shrinker.

I was a junior at Gaylord High and

Paul McDonald, owner of the Otsego County Herald Times, had offered me a job.

Back then, jobs were far and few between, and scarce as hens' teeth. Needless to say, I jumped at the offer...

That started a career in newspapering from a printer's devil to publisher, with all the aspects of getting a newspaper out, in between.

I had enrolled at Central Michigan in Sept. 1942... I planned on teaching and coaching basketball... before I attended a class, Uncle Sam called and I entered the U.S. Army instead.

That changed the course of my life. When I was discharged, I returned to the newspaper business, here in Grayling, in 1946. With a few sabbaticals along the way, I have been involved since 1938.

So, I guess I can attest to the old axiom... "once you get printer's ink in your veins... it is almost impossible to get rid of it."

What others have said:

The difference between Vegas and Washington? In Vegas, the drunks gamble with their own money.

With Clinton it comes down to: he said/she said, she said, she said — Jay Leno.

*** MILITARY DRILL:** The Pentagon, once embarrassed for paying \$640 for a toilet seat, has been caught by auditors spending \$76 for a screw. This, perhaps, says it all.

Campaign Biography: Jay Leno on the 50th anniversary of the publication of Norman Mailer's *The Naked and the Dead*: "I think it's about Clinton and Gore."

Nuf said...

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**New sidewalks create aggravation for some and revenue for others**

To the editor,

Perhaps when the county cuts back in their law enforcement, they could go to work for the city. They could watch for people who park in their driveways.

Explanation: I have lived in Grayling for 26 years. I have always kept up my yard and house. I have always kept up the yard that was outside my fence.

A couple of years ago, the city decided to put in a sidewalk about six inches from my fence. The sidewalk also went through my driveway, which is about one car length off Lake Street.

When the sidewalk was done, we'd pull our cars in the drive and, five or ten minutes later, police were here and told us we couldn't park in the drive as the sidewalk ran through it.

My neighbors and I did not want

this sidewalk, but were told we had no choice.

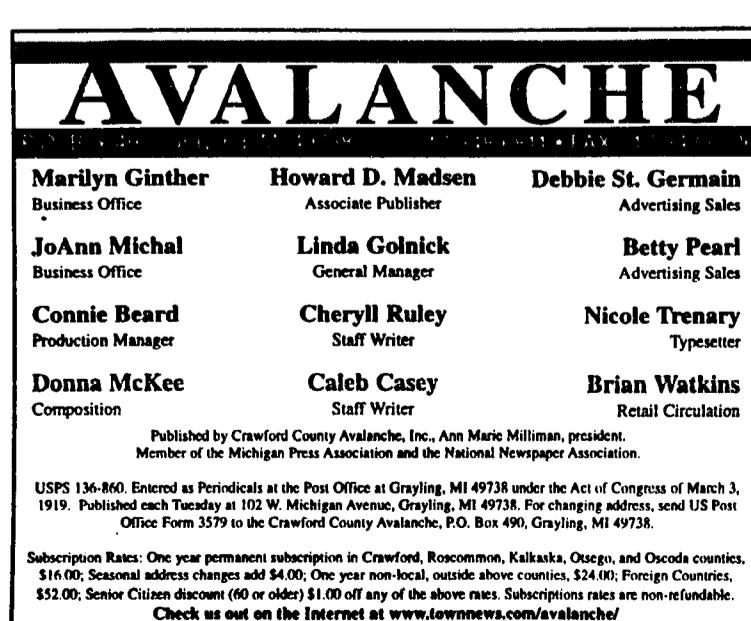
When my father was here for a holiday, at 10:30 p.m. police came to the door and said we couldn't park on the street.

My question, "Where are we supposed to park?"

Don't you think the police could spend their time patrolling Lake Street for people who drive down here at 50 miles an hour?

Yesterday my car was in the driveway — POLICE ARRIVED! I was told everyone is being told about parking since there is about a dozen people around here whose drives are the same as mine. The police will be very busy. Let's hope there aren't many 911 calls.

Sally McPherson
Grayling

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not reflect the views of The Avalanche.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number

BRIEFS

Thursday Couples League meeting set

A meeting for the Thursday Couples League will take place at the Grayling Country Club on Thursday, May 28, at 4:30 p.m. All members please attend. Any couples who would like to join the league should attend. More couples are welcome.

Free Boaters' Safety Course offered

The Free Boaters' Safety Course will be held the weekend of May 16-17, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at Pioneer Hills Marina, 10914 N. Cut Rd. (County Road 100), Roscommon. You must attend both sessions and be at least 12 years old by Labor Day. This is the last Free Boaters' Safety Course before the PWC law takes effect. Reservations are a must. Call (517) 275-5175.

Little League to sell tomato plants

Local plant-grower, Joyce Haskel, has donated 1,000 tomato plants to raise money for Grayling Little League. Mrs. Haskel has grown the plants from seed in her greenhouse to allow for planting in your own garden.

The plants will be on sale at Millikin Field (and at 605 Clyde St.) beginning the week of May 18. The tomato plants will sell for \$1 a piece or 10 plants for \$5. Persons having questions on growing techniques may call Mrs. Haskel at 348-8201.

Weyerhaeuser Tourney needs entries

Entries are still being accepted, until Friday, May 15, for the 4th Annual Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon Golf Classic to be held on May 16 at the Grayling Country Club with a 2 p.m. "shotgun" start. The \$50 entry fee includes 18 holes of golf, cart, food, many prizes and individual contests for men and women. This is a four-man scramble team tournament sponsored by Grayling Ford Lincoln Mercury who will award a 1998 Ford F-150 Super Cab 4x4 truck to the golfer that scores a hole-in-one in the designated hole. Registration forms are available at Grayling Country Club, the Chamber of Commerce, local golf course or by calling (517) 348-2654.

Lake Margrethe property owners meet

The Lake Margrethe Property Owners Membership Meeting will be held Saturday, May 16, beginning at 9 a.m., at the Camp Grayling Officers Club. Coffee and refreshments will be available and the public is invited. Guest speakers will be Allen Lowe, Susan Thiel, Lynette Corlew and Pat Merrill.

Adult tutor training workshop

A volunteer tutor training workshop will be held on Friday, May 22 at St. Mary's Learning Center. Volunteer tutors are needed to work with adults who wish to improve their reading skills. Those interested in becoming a volunteer tutor can call 348-7641, ext. 550 and talk to Doris Winchester, Jill Emmons or Bob Pausse.

Walk to benefit Hospice of Michigan

The first ever Walk & Remember to benefit Hospice of Michigan will take place Saturday, May 23, at the CRAF Center in Roscommon. Registration begins at 8 a.m., with the five-mile walk beginning at 9 a.m. The fee is \$10 per walker on or before May 18, and \$15 per walker after that date. Kids 18 and under can walk or skate free. Prizes will be awarded for certain amounts raised. Business and organization sponsors are needed. Entry forms can be obtained by visiting Roscommon area merchants, the Roscommon Hospice of Michigan office or by calling Cindy at (517) 275-8967.

St. Francis Church to host N/A meeting

New - Narcotics Anonymous meeting will be held Friday, May 15, at the St. Francis Episcopal Church on M-72 West in Grayling. For more information, contact Gregg on his beeper at (517) 276-8403.

Garden Club to tour Nature Center

Spring is in the air, so join the Kirtland Garden Club, May 18, on a tour to the Chippewa Nature Center in Midland. The tour includes a wildflower walk, visiting an old homestead, and, if time permits, a visit to a garden center or two. Please meet at the Hub Market in Prudenville at 7:50 a.m. on tour day. Reservations must be made by May 15. Call Barb at (517) 275-5832 or Jean at (517) 366-5169.

GHS to host Senior Honors Night

Grayling High School will host its Annual Senior Honors Night on Thursday, May 14 at 7 p.m. in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium.

Head Start to hold Ice Cream Social

The Grayling and Frederic Head Start programs will be sponsoring a community ice cream social on Thursday, May 14 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Grayling Head Start Center, 557 I-75 Business Loop (Old 27 across from the Airfield). Create your own sundae, have your face painted, learn all about Head Start and meet the staff. Everyone is welcome.

St. John Ladies hosts lunch/card party

The Ladies of St. John Lutheran Church will host a luncheon card party on Wednesday, May 20, in the fellowship hall, beginning at noon. Everyone is welcome. For more information call 348-5224.

Walk-A-Thon to benefit Cystic Fibrosis

A walk-a-thon to benefit Cystic Fibrosis research in gene therapy will begin at Fred's in Roscommon on May 17 at 3 p.m. Each person who collects \$50 for the cause will earn an official T-shirt. Additional prizes will be available. Call Cheile at the Craf Center for more information. (517) 275-4975.

Church of Christ hosts gospel meeting

The Grayling Church of Christ, 7540 Old 27 South (just south of the I-75 Four Mile Road exit ramp), will host a Gospel Meeting May 21-24. Jerry Tallman, of Rochester Hills Church of Christ, will be speaking on many subjects, including God's Solution to Our Problem and Sharing the Good News. The church will meet at the usual times Sunday morning, 10:30 a.m. and 11 a.m., but all evening services will be at 7 p.m. The church welcomes any and all visitors to come and be with them for the services.

Secretary of State to be closed half-day

The Grayling Secretary of State office, located at 2384C I-75 Business Loop in the Grayling Mini-Mall, is tentatively scheduled to be closed, Tuesday, May 19, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. for training in regards to the new Michigan Driver License. The office will reopen from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Anyone needing to transact business during the morning hours on that day can visit the Gaylord or Kalkaska branch offices.

A tribute to Allen Lowe

Gaylord — A tribute to State Representative Allen Lowe will be the main event at the Osteo Republican Committee's Lincoln Day Brunch, Sunday, May 17 beginning at 1 p.m. Rep. Lowe is finishing his final year as the State Representative for the 105th District.

The banquet will be held in the convention center at Treetops Sylvan Resort. The guest of honor will be joined by Michigan Supreme Court Justice Taylor and Senator George McManus (R-Traverse City). Attendees will also have the opportunity to meet the Republican candidates who are seeking the 105th

House seat. "Rep. Lowe has served our district well during his time in office. He has made many friends in Osteo County and we wanted to give his supporters the chance to show their appreciation," said Tom Cogswell, Republican Committee chairman.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for students 18 and under. Advanced ticket sales are available by contacting Terry Murphy at (517) 732-7087, Erma Backenstose at (517) 732-9594, Bob Diesing at (517) 732-3661 or Tom Cogswell at (517) 732-6464.

For more information, people may contact Cogswell at (517) 732-4249 or (517) 732-6464.

Michigan celebrates its Heritage May 16-25

From the official kickoff at the state Capitol to the weeklong festivities, parades and activities occurring statewide May 16-25, Michigan residents will have plenty of opportunities to explore and celebrate their state's heritage during Michigan Week.

"Michigan Week is a unique celebration, believed to be the only event of its kind in the nation," said Secretary Miller. "Michigan Week" chair. "We certainly have a reason to celebrate. Michigan provides its residents with everything: a rich cultural history, natural beauty, big city sophistication and small town charm. It is the best place I know of to live and work."

As Michigan Week's honorary chair, Gov. Engle signed an executive declaration "to encourage greater knowledge and awareness of Michigan and its history; to afford an inspired view of our state's advantages to the world; and to foster a spirit of cooperation among all communities that will make the Great Lake State even more livable and attractive."

This year, Michigan Week celebrated its 45th anniversary with the theme Michigan: Discover the Wonder. The week opens with a parade in Sturgis and the "Michigan parades into the 21st Century" parade in Lansing on Saturday, May 16. It officially ends on Memorial Day weekend.

Throughout Michigan Week, communities all across the state will discover the wonder of Michigan through a variety of activities. The people, history and events which built

RANGE FIRING

Range firing will be conducted at Camp Grayling during the period of May 13 through May 19, 1998.

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Road 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Road 618, and west of County Road F97 (Twin Bridge Road).

Small Arms Ranges located West of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Road, east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek.

Range 17, Hand Grenade Range located south of the main post, north of Carrier Road, east of Range 13 and west of Beaver Creek (Military Road).

For further information, call (517) 348-3603 or 1-800-628-5820.

Sheriff's Report

The incident report shows: two criminal sexual conduct (1100); one criminal sexual conduct (1103); two assault, five burglary, two larceny, three property damage, one obstruction of justice.

One weapons, 12 public peace, one OUIL/QUID, two citations, 10 health and safety, one conservation, one miscellaneous crime, six minors, seven accidents, four traffic safety PR.

Eight false alarms, one accident airplane, one accident other, one inspection of vehicle, three civil/family trouble, seven suspicious situations, one lost and found property, one missing person, three general assistance, and 12 general non-criminal.

The Crawford County Sheriff's Office reported 100 incidents for the week of May 4 to May 11, 1998.

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348-6811

Deadline: Thursday noon

MAY 1998

THURS 14	•TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) @ Mercy Hospital Riverside Room, 5 pm. For more information call Joanne 348-4416. •GRAYLING RECREATION AUTHORITY meeting @ Hanson Hills, 7 pm •MERCY AMICARE HOSPICE SERVICES BEREAVEMENT support groups @ St. Mary's Learning Center, 3 to 5 pm. For more info. call Mary Beth Detting, 1-800-424-1457
FRI 15	•ATTEND A FISH FRY of your choice today.
SAT 16	
SUN 17	•ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today.
MON 18	•CRAWFORD COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY meeting @ Mercy Hospital, Private Dining Room 4 to 6 pm. •KIWANIS CLUB meeting @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon.
TUES 19	•GPA MEETING @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon. •ADD/ADHD PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP END-OF-THE-YEAR PICNIC @ Beaver Creek Township Park, 4 pm - ? Call 348-7641 ext. 527/528 for more info.
WED 20	•ROTARY MEETING @ Patti's Towne House, 12 noon. •WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, M-72 West; weigh-in 4:45 pm; meeting, 5:30 pm. For more information call Mary, 348-5306. •LIONS CLUB meeting @ Breaker's Steak House, 6:30 pm. •JOHN JACOBS & THE POWER TEAM @ Roscommon HS Gym, 7 pm, \$2 donation.



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The Bible Speaks

From the Calvary Baptist Church

Gun Control

The Holy Scriptures record a principle of weapon's control which has been historically repeated for 3,000 years. Israel under her first king Saul, was enslaved as a nation to the neighboring Philistines who practiced weapon's control over the Jews. (1 Samuel 13:19) "Now there was no smith found throughout all the land of Israel: for the Philistines said, Lest the Hebrews make them swords or spears."

The smith used the forge to heat and hammer out those items made of iron. The Philistines kept the Jews weak and under subjection by removing their ability to make weapons.

One wonders if the truth of 1 Samuel 13:19 may some day be paraphrased to read: "Now there were no gun manufacturers (like Colt, Ruger, Winchester, Remington, or Smith & Wesson) found in the United States of America following the turn of the 21st century: for the liberals said, Lest the American citizens manufacture and own their own pistols and rifles."

The entire Jewish economy was slowed down because of this Philistine system of weapon's control. (1 Samuel 13:20) "But all the Israelites went down to the Philistines, to sharpen every man his share,

and his coulter, and his axe, and his mattock." Not only was there a loss of time, but also of money as the Jews were forced to travel and pay the Philistine smiths to keep their tools sharp.

The real purpose and danger of weapon's control is people control. (1 Samuel 13:22) "So it came to pass in the day of battle, that there was neither sword nor spear found in the hand of any of the people that were with Saul and Jonathan: but with Saul and with Jonathan his son was there found." Any nation which disarms her citizens is unprepared for invasion. The weakening of the national guard and grass roots military strength endangers national security. When a nation is disarmed, only the leadership of that nation, and the criminal element will have guns.

Our forefathers were historically and scripturally wise as they penned the 2nd amendment to the U.S. Constitution assuring citizens the right to bear arms.

The possession of weapons does not mean we should trust weapons to save us. (Matthew 26:52) "Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword." (Psalms 33:17) "A horse is a vain thing for safety: neither shall he

deliver any by his great strength."

"In God we Trust." (Proverbs 21:31) "The horse is prepared against the day of battle: but safety is of the LORD." (Psalms 20:7) "Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but will remember the name of the LORD our God." If we heed God's instructions from Holy Scripture, will be able to declare with the great warrior king of Israel: (Psalms 144:1) "Blessed be the LORD my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight:" (Psalms 60:12) "Through God we shall do valiantly: for he it is that shall tread down our enemies." (Psalms 44:5) "Through thee will we push down our enemies: through thy name will we tread them under that rise up against us."

Pastor "B"

Please pray for the ministry of this column and our church Websites at <http://freeway.net/~cba/> and at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Ranch/1263/>

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McClain is elected to M.A.S.C.

Brandi Mc Cain, a sophomore at Grayling High School was elected to the Michigan Association of Student Council's (M.A.S.C.) Advisory Board on April 28 at the M.A.S.C. state conference held at the Dearborn Hyatt.

Bradi will be traveling to Lansing over the next two years to represent the student councils in northern Michigan. This is the first time a Grayling High School student has been elected to this position.

Brandi was just elected Governor of Student Senate under the direction of Mrs. Maureen Nowak and Ms. Rebecca Brown.

Brandi is the daughter of Dave and Gayle McClain.



MC CLAIN ELECTED — Brandi McClain, the newly elected representative to the Michigan Association of Student Council's for northern Michigan is pictured here with (L to R): Ryan Webster, the former representative for M.A.S.C. and Anne Johnson, the state director at the state conference.

Church Directory



A Perennial Paradise

There is a group of flowers which gardeners hold dear. They are perennials. Once the seed is planted, a perennial returns each summer after the winter snow. Not only do the cheerful colors and lush foliage appear once again, incredibly, they multiply! An occasional drink of water and sunshine is all they ask.

There is another seed we can plant that will return to us manifold. That is the seed of God's love. Once planted in our heart, not even the chill of despair can destroy its beauty or faithful presence.

Daily prayer, Bible study, and weekly worship will keep the love of God alive in our hearts. Worship the Creator this week. He will make a perennial paradise of your soul.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
8:15-11 John	8:21 John	14:1-14 John	14:15-31 Acts	3:1-26 Acts	4:1-22 Acts	4:22-37

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Sunday Worship 10 am
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Coffee Fellowship 12 noon
Bible Study (Wed.) 10 am

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor David Stramel
Phone 348-4445
Services held Saturday at Camp AuSable off M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance).
Church Service 9:30 am
Sabbath School 10:30 am
Prayer Meeting Tues 7 pm

Burning Bush Tabernacle
Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1278
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling
Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Service & Children's Church 11 am
Sunday Evening Service 6 pm
Monday Prayer Meeting 7 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm
Thursday Discipleship Class 7 pm

Grayling Assembly of God
Rev. Ron Voecker, Pastor
701 S. I-75 Business Loop
Church 348-8885 • Parsonage 348-2588
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth-Children 7 pm

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
President Larry A. Cook
600 North Elm Street, Gaylord

Sacrament 10 am
Sunday School 11 am
Primary 11 am
Priesthood 12 noon
Relief Society 12 noon

Heritage Baptist
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.
1/4 mile west of I-75

Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday 7 pm

St. John Lutheran (ELCA)
Pastor Robert Faber
710 Spruce Street
348-5224

Sunday School 9:15 am
Sunday Worship 10:30 am
Nursery is available

Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Pastor Patricia Fowler
North Down River Rd. at 1030 Glenn Rd.
P.O. Box 1188

Church School 9:45 am
Preaching 11 am
Midweek Service Prayer 7 pm

Gaylord Christian Reformed
Rev. V. Schaap
415 Ohio North, Gaylord

Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 pm

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community
Robert W. Nalley, J.V., Pastor
700-708 Peninsular - 348-7657

Sabbath Eucharist
Saturday Vigil Mass 6 pm
Sunday Masses 8 & 10:30 am
Family Mass 10:30 am
(9:15 am - additional Liturgy - July - August only)
Scripture Study (Sundays) 9:30 am
Daily Masses Wednesday & Friday
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Morning Worship 11 am
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Wednesday Service 7 pm

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Pastor Terry Colby

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Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Wednesday Service 7 pm

Harvest Time Church of God
Pastor Fred Coates

506 North Birch St., Kalkaska
(616) 258-3448

Sunday School 10 am
Worship Service 11 am & 6 pm
Family Training Hour and Prayer

Wednesday 7 pm

Calvary Baptist church
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor
M-72 West

Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 6 pm

Mid-Week Services

Wednesday 7 pm

Prayer & Awana Club (Wed.) 7 pm

Church of Christ

Larry Turner, Minister

Old US-27 at Skyline Rd. • 275-4388

Sunday Classes 10:30 am

Sunday Worship 11:15 am

Sunday Evening 6 pm

Wednesday 7 pm

Mid-Week Bible Study 7 pm

Bear Lake Christian

M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.

Sunday School 9 am

Sunday Service 10 am

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Pastor Dohn E. Weaver

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Morning Praise 10:30 am

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Children's Sunday School 9:30 am

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Adult Choir Practice (Wednesday) 6:45 pm

St. Francis Episcopal

Rev. Robert Henley

M-72 West - Office 348-5850

Sunday Holy Eucharist 8:30 & 10:30 am

Morning Praise 10:30 am

Adult Sunday School 9:30 am

Children's Sunday School 9:30 am

Sunday nursery provided 10:30 am

Adult Choir Practice (Wednesday) 6:45 pm

St. Martins Ev. Lutheran (Wels)

Herbert R. Filter - Pastor

For information call 275-5443

Services held at the Roscommon Community

Center, Sunday mornings at 9 am, 510 South St., Roscommon, MI.

Luzerne Baptist

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2247 Durfee Lane

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Sunday Morning Worship 11 am

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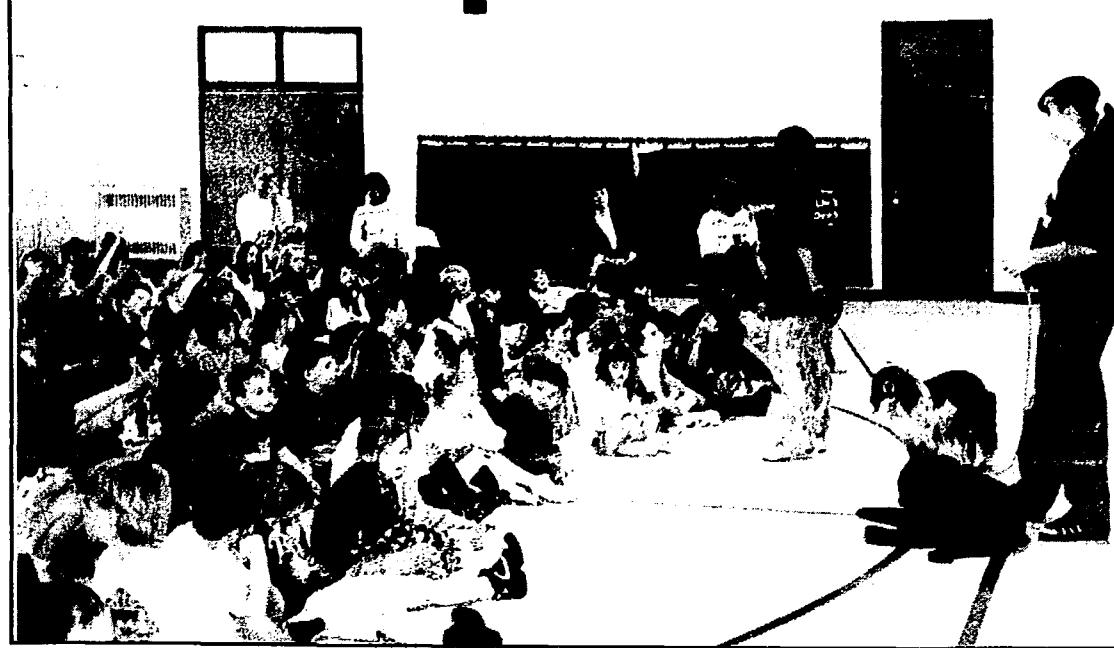
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Animal Shelter director works with kids to avoid dog bites

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- 1) Always ask the owner's permission before petting a dog.
- 2) Remember: Not every dog that wags its tail is friendly.
- 3) Always approach dogs slowly and carefully.
- 4) When meeting a new dog, let it come to you and smell you first.
- 5) Know where the dogs in your neighborhood live.
- 6) Stay away from stray dogs.
- 7) If a dog approaches you, remain calm. Don't scream.
- 8) Always protect your face, neck and arms.
- 9) If you're attacked, give the dog something to chew.
- 10) If a dog knocks you on the ground, curl up in a ball.
- 11) If you're attacked, cover your head and neck. Protect your face!

DON'Ts:

- 1) Don't make loud noises around dogs.
- 2) Don't bother a dog while it is sleeping or eating.
- 3) Never tease a dog.
- 4) Never reach through a fence to pet a dog.
- 5) Never put your hand between two dogs.
- 6) Never put your face close to a dog.
- 7) Never try to help a hurt dog; get an adult to help.
- 8) Never enter a yard with a dog in it without permission.
- 9) Never leave a baby alone with a dog.
- 10) Be careful around a mother dog when she's caring for puppies.

While this chart was created to help kids, adults are also encouraged to follow these tips when encountering an unfamiliar dog.



Beaver Creek Twp. to sponsor low-cost pet vaccination clinic

Beaver Creek Township will be holding a low-cost pet vaccination clinic so pet owners can afford to have their pets inoculated.

Dr. Arnold, a Kalkaska veterinarian, will be administering shots and believes it is very important that this be done as rabies cases are on the rise.

Dog and cat owners are invited to bring their pets to this vaccination clinic which will be held at the Beaver Creek Township Community Center Park, located at 8888 South Grayling Road (just north of West

Seven Mile Road and the Fire Department), on Saturday, May 16, from 12 noon to 5 p.m.

Each shot will cost \$10.

Vaccinations available for dogs are a three-year rabies shot and a DHAPP shot (distemper).

Vaccinations for cats are a three-year rabies shot, a PRRC shot (distemper) and a Leukemia shot.

For more information, please call the Beaver Creek Township Office between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, at (517) 275-8878.

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Michigan Townships Association's Spring District Meeting to take place in Grayling

Local municipal officials from Antrim, Crawford, Kalkaska, Missaukee and Roscommon counties are invited to attend the Michigan Townships Association's Spring District Meeting on Tuesday, May 19, at the Holiday Inn in Grayling. Approximately 125 township officials and employees are expected to attend.

"Term limits have placed a unique emphasis on the Michigan Legislature," MTA's Executive John M. La Rosa explains. "Township

officials need to be informed about such issues as road funding, changes in the revenue sharing formula and electric utility deregulation in order to effectively serve residents and keep their legislators informed on township concerns."

The one-day workshop begins with a general session at 9 a.m. taught by MTA Deputy Executive Director Larry Merrill that addresses current topics impacting townships such as recent court decisions, new investments

policy laws and land use issues, including telecommunications rulings from the FCC, road funding proposals and an update on the status of the revenue sharing task force.

Following lunch, officials can choose from three concurrent workshop sessions being held from 1-2:30 p.m. on township management issues and practices, preparing for the 2000 Census, and improving management communication skills. The Michigan State Assessors Board

will conduct a three-hour renewal course for Levels I, II, III and IV assessors from 2:30-5:30 p.m.

The registration fee of \$55 per person for MTA members and \$80 per person for non-members includes resource personnel, materials, lunch and refreshments. Attendees may register on-site for an additional \$5 fee per person. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. For more information or a brochure, call the MTA Education Department at (517) 321-6467.

Agency on Aging schedules May 27 public hearing

The region IX Area Agency on Aging will conduct a public hearing regarding its Annual Implementation Plan for Fiscal Year 1999. The plan will address distribution of funds and provision of services under the Older Americans Act, for the following counties: Alcona, Alpena, Arenac, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle and Roscommon.

The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, May 27 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency, Inc. Large Conference Room, 2375 Gordon Road, Alpena.

DOODLES FROM THE TALL TIMBER

by Wendell L. Hoover, Interpretive Historian

Of late there have been a number of people from various quarters of this fair state who have expressed to me that they have missed the Doodles column which appeared herein from 1981 until mid 1997. To say I have been busy since last June is an understatement and it has been an enjoyable time of adjusting to a different type of schedule. Having considered the comments voiced to me regarding the newspaper articles it is time to have another go at it. So here goes.

Despite the early departure of the snow and the accompanying threat of forest fires, mother nature continues to unfold that most exciting of our four

seasons, Spring, pretty much on a time table comparable to previous years. Spring has a way of sneaking up on you with the appearance of misty green leaves on the popular trees and the snowy white blossoms of the June Berry or Shadbush and in case you haven't noticed the wild leeks are well up and as tasty as they have ever been.

The Adder's Tongue or Trout Lily was poised to bloom in time for the annual trout opener as my Grandpa used to say the trout were biting and catchable when the trout lily came into bloom. The beauty of the pale yellow flower doesn't last nearly long enough considering that six or seven years are required to produce flowering plants from seed.

The leaves of the trout lily are easily recognized as they are mottled with reddish brown spots and it is said the plant got its name, trout lily, because its leaves are spotted like a trout. It is sometime called fawn lily because its two leaves stand erect like the ears of a fawn and adder's tongue because of its long protruding stamens. Black bears eat the bulbs and deer eat the green seed pods.

The beauty of the Yellow Trout Lily is fleeting at best so I would urge you to visit your favorite deciduous forest (poplars and maples) soon. A bonus for such a visit aside from the esthetics might be a sack full of morel mushrooms.

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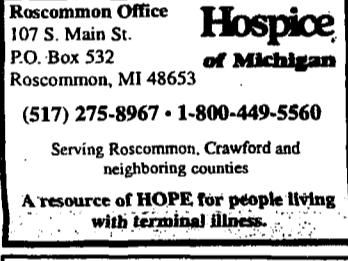
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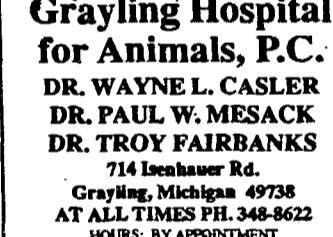
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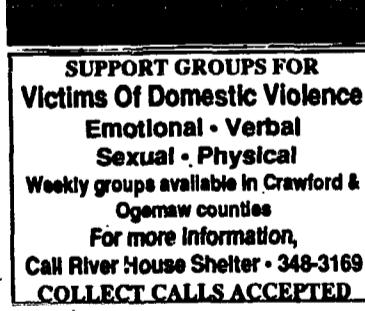
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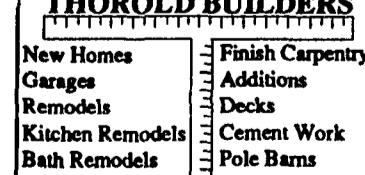
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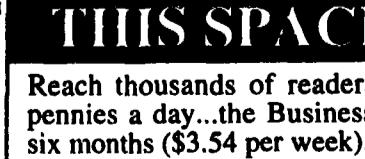
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Older drivers encouraged to re-learn road skills

by David Fleet
Capital News Service

Public transportation is available in Crawford County, but many seniors have decided to continue driving as long as possible.

And the number of senior drivers will continue growing — along with their accidents.

According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, people 65 and older represent more than 12 percent of the U.S. population. However, they also represent about 13 percent of all motor vehicle fatalities.

"When drivers get older their bodies have a tendency to change," said David Cunningham, state representative for the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP). "Older drivers need to change their habits and relearn skills they may have lost."

Cunningham said older drivers may have difficulty dealing with complex driving situations, especially congested intersections.

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Fatality Analysis Reporting System confirms that multiple-vehicle crashes at intersections increases markedly with age.

In an attempt to help older drivers re-learn driving skills, many states, including Michigan, offer classes for elderly drivers. Beginning in 1979 with fewer than 6,000 students, a program called 55 Alive/Mature Driving was formed to retraining older motorists.

"Today we've had more than 3 million graduates nationwide in the program," said Brian Greenberg, AARP program specialist. "The program is designed to deal with older motorists."

While several automobile insurance companies in Michigan offer discounts

to seniors who complete that program, AAA Michigan — the state's largest insurer of automobiles — doesn't offer discounts for completion of the program.

"It's difficult to have an eight-hour class make that much difference in driving skill," said Gary Burbar, AAA traffic safety consultant. "However, any class that helps motorists become better drivers we'll support."

Burbar added that insurance rates

- In 1997, Michigan had 961,453 licensed drivers age 65 and older, equaling 14.1 percent of all licensed drivers in the state.

- In 1997, one of every seven licensed drivers was an older driver.

- 92 percent of motor vehicle occupants age 65 to 74 use safety belts, the highest of any age group.

- Older drivers have the highest conviction rate for "Failure to yield-right-of-way" in traffic than any other age group.

- Older drivers in Michigan, while representing slightly more than 14 percent of licensed drivers, represent only 7 percent of all drivers involved in vehicle crashes.

don't increase for older drivers with good records. Rather, rates often decrease when drivers retire and travel less to and from work.

For example, Auto Owners Insurance offers a 20 percent discount for drivers with good records when they turn 55. Also, rate actually can start decreasing when drivers reach 45.

Since Michigan law requires that every driver obtain auto insurance, in early 1980 lawmakers enacted the Essential Insurance Act. The law's purpose is to restrict insurance companies from denying drivers with good records insurance because of such factors as age, sex, marital status. Before the reform, insurance companies had a blank check regarding whom they chose.

"All Michigan residents should shop around when finding insurance," said Leanne Sney, executive director of the Insurance Information Association of Michigan. "Insurance companies have a variety of discounts available, some offer discounts to elderly drivers."

Elizabeth Boyd, communication director of the Secretary of State's office, said there is no driver's license restriction or special testing based on age in Michigan.

"The only type of testing we are considering will identify physical impairments that restrict a driver's ability to operate a vehicle safely," she said.

Fewer senior citizens have licenses and — compared to younger groups and in general — they drive fewer miles per licensed driver.

Donn Davidson, AAA community safety analysts, has examined trends in drivers' habits over the past three years.

"The most common problem older drivers have is driving at night and not checking blind spots," he said. "In general it's usually physical problems that leads to accidents."

Still, according to the Highway Loss Institute, less than one percent of elderly persons' deaths are caused by traffic accidents. Cancer, heart disease, and stroke are the leading causes of death among those 65 and older.

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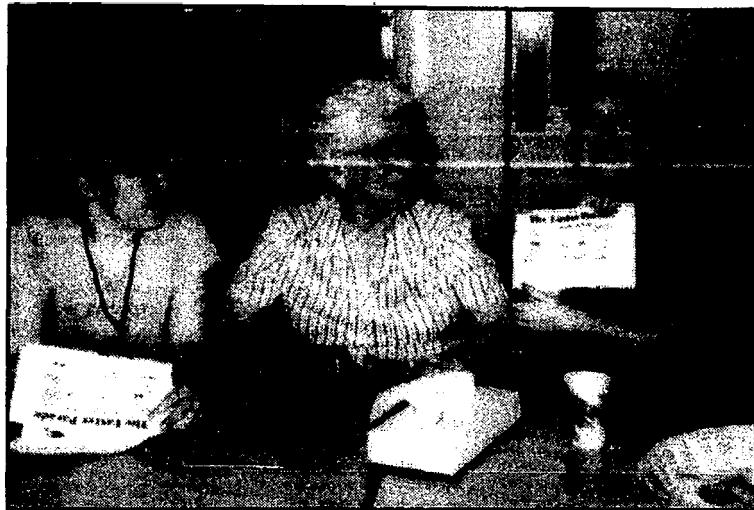
Friendship Kids meet special grandparents

Students from AuSable Primary School enjoyed the company of special grandparents at Mercy Manor this year during a new program called *Friendship Kids*.

Suzanne Williams' second grade and Christine Brunell's first grade class participated in the program. Together, the children and their special grandparents have worked on ceramics and reading, played games,

made holiday crafts, cards and presents. Many of the class parties were held with Mercy Manor residents.

"The two teachers worked closely with the Mercy Manor staff to develop activities that both generations would benefit from," said Laura Labo, Program Director. "It has been a successful and fulfilling year for both the residents and students."



QUALITY TIME - Katie Ferrigan, left, and Ryan Hanes, far right, share a coloring project with their special grandparent, Anna Ray as part of the *Friendship Kids* program.

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"Camp Ed-Venture" is free to all participants who meet eligibility requirements and reside in Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda, Osgo and Presque Isle counties. The deadline for signing up for "Camp Ed-Venture" is May 30, 1998. If you know of any young person who would like to attend "Camp Ed-Venture," please contact Melissa Bruce at Alpena Community College at (517) 356-9021 Ext. 355.

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Is new teen driving law effective enough?

by David Fleet
Capital News Service

On April 1, 1997, Michigan implemented the graduated licensing program for teenagers.

"Our goal was to better prepare teens to operate a vehicle safely and graduated licensing appears to be doing just that," said Secretary of State Candice Miller. "Teens are spending more time practice driving, are restricted in the hours they can drive without supervision and, must now take a comprehensive road test before receiving their photo license."

Michigan's graduated licensing program is a three-step process to help young drivers obtain the knowledge and skills necessary to drive a motor vehicle safely.

"Young drivers can't receive a license simply on a demonstration of skills," said Patricia Waller, director of the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute. "The new program will insure practice and extended parental supervision."

Waller said that although U-M's three-year evaluation of the program is ongoing, there already are some positive signs.

During December the road test failure rate was 13.5 percent compared to a 15.6 percent average from April through November. The January 1998 failure rate fell even more to 9.9 percent.

However, many driving authorities still are skeptical of the progress of the program and recommend even more stringent measures.

"Teen drivers are often risk-takers and aggressive drivers," said Lt. Bruce Bellisle, a 24-year veteran of the Marquette County Sheriff's

Department. "Teen drivers will be talking to passengers in the vehicle or showing off to their friends and not paying attention to the road. They put everyone at risk with this behavior."

According to the Michigan Department of Community Health, five out of six accidental deaths for teenagers and young adults ages 15 to 24 are due to traffic crashes.

Bellisle said that while graduated licensing is a step in the right direction, restricting how many teens can ride together would help further reduce problems.

To obtain a Level 1 license teens must:

- Begin a driver education course after March 31, 1997.

- Be at least age 14 years, 9 months.

- Complete segment one of a driver education course approved by the Michigan Department of Education, including six hours of on-the-road driving with an instructor.

- Pass a vision test and meet health standards set by the Secretary of State.

- Obtain written approval from a parent or legal guardian to obtain a Level 1 license.

- Be at least age 16.

- Successfully complete six months of practice driving at Level 1.

- Complete segment two of a driver education course approved by the Michigan Department of Education.

- Have no convictions, civil

Police agencies throughout Michigan will monitor the effectiveness of the program, but several insurance companies also recognize the importance of extended training for teen-age drivers.

"AAA Michigan works hard with parents of young drivers to encourage extra driving time," said Jerry Basch, AAA Michigan community safety service manager. "We offer the 'Teaching Your Teen to Drive' video and workbook to assist in establishing a working relationship between parents and young drivers."

infractions, license suspensions or crashes during the 90-day period immediately before applying for a Level 2 license.

- Complete at least 50 hours of behind-the-wheel practice driving, including 10 hours of nighttime driving, that is certified by a parent or legal guardian.

- Pass a road test conducted by an independent road testing agency approved by the Secretary of State.

To obtain a Level 3 license teens must:

- Obtain written approval from a parent or legal guardian to obtain a Level 2 license.

- Be at least age 17.

- Hold a Level 2 license for six months.

- Complete 12 consecutive months of driving without a moving violation, an at-fault crash that resulted in a moving violation, a license suspension or a violation of the graduated license restrictions. The graduated licensing program ends for all young drivers when they reach 18.

Basch said AAA offers a 10 percent discount on insurance rates for successfully completing the program.

Statewide, insurance rates for teenage drivers are the highest among all age groups. However, some companies will begin discounting after just a few years of good driving.

For example, Farm Bureau Insurance offers a 30 percent discount when drivers reach 19 years of age if they have at least three years without a moving violation or license suspension.

"We recommend customers shop around for the best price," said Leanne Snay, executive director of the Insurance Information Association of Michigan. "Safe driving always pay off for any age."

Insurance companies and state officials will continue to monitor the progress of the graduated driving program.

"We're very optimistic that the graduated driving program will have the impact we're expecting," said Elizabeth Boyd, communication director of the Secretary of State's office. "However, time will be needed to accumulate and evaluate the data."

So far in Michigan under the graduated driving program: 74,056 teens have been issued a Level 1 permit, 8,910 have a Level 2 and 43 are driving with a Level 3 permit. Under the old system, all Level 2 teens now would be eligible for a driver's license.

Hold the alcohol this prom season

Before teens decide to add alcohol to their prom plans, they might give these statistics some serious thought:

- Alcohol-related motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for youths who can legally drive.

- Michigan kids are ranked fourth highest in the nation for drinking and driving.

- A young person under the legal drinking age is nearly twice as likely to die in an alcohol-related crash as an adult over 21.

- The majority of alcohol-related crashes among youths are likely to happen after 11 p.m. on weekends and involve speeding.

This prom season, teens can choose what their future will be by refusing to drink and drive. Underage drinking is not only dangerous—it's illegal, AAA Michigan says.

Consider these facts: In 1996, 2,119 drinking drivers under age 21 were involved in alcohol-related crashes in Michigan. Fifty-seven of those drivers were killed; 975 were injured.

"Even low levels of alcohol consumption involve risk," said Jerry Basch, AAA Michigan Community Safety Services manager. "After one drink, a driver's judgement, reaction time and coordination begin to be affected."

4-H offers Babysitting Clinic

Babysitting is more than "sitting with a baby".

Learn the skills necessary for caring for children at the upcoming 4-H Babysitting Clinic which is open to youth 12 to 16 years of age.

The clinic will be held on two Fridays after school. The dates are May 22 and May 29, from 3:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. in the Grayling Middle School cafeteria. Cost is \$3.

Students can still enjoy this prom and graduation season fully—without consuming alcohol. AAA Michigan encourages students to celebrate the "grand occasion" with non-alcoholic beverages.

Participants will learn babysitter's responsibility, safety precautions, emergency procedures, food and nutrition and activities appropriate for various ages.

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CRAWFORD COUNTY LIBRARY NEWS

by Tracie Compton

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The Frederic Community Library is open Monday and Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Phone is 348-4067.

OBITUARIES

Robert W. Wheaton

Robert W. Wheaton, 85, of Grayling, passed away April 29, 1998 at The Meadows of Grayling.

He was born in Marshall to George and Ida (Clute) Wheaton, Sr. on Oct. 22, 1912.

He was a retired self-employed pattern-maker in the manufacturing industry.

He is survived by his daughter, Maxine Thompson of Jerome; sons: William and Lou Wheaton of Albion, and Richard and Emily Wheaton of Homer; daughter-in-law, Donna Wheaton of Battle Creek; brother, George Wheaton of California; sister, Eunice Miller of Battle Creek; stepdaughters: Coeleen Marr of Toledo and Louise Krill of Loveland, Colo.; seven grandchildren; 3 step-grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Earl E. & Florence (Harris) Grant; and two brothers: Jack Grant and Richard Grant.

Memorial service was held May 13, 1998, at 8 p.m. at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling, with Rev. Otis Smith officiating.

A memorial service is also to be held Friday, May 15, 1998, at 8 p.m. at Marysville Funeral Home.

The family suggests memorials be directed to the Moose Lodge 158, Port Huron. C/O Karolina Scholarship Fund.

In Memory Of

My son, Douglas Chas West, who went home to be with the Lord on May 7, 1998, in Grants Pass, Ore.

He was born on Sept. 2, 1956 in Pontiac.

You will be sadly missed by your wife, Kim of Oregon, your sister, Donna Lehto of Grayling and your brother, Dennis West in Redding, Calif. There will always be a special place in our hearts for you, and we will remember you always.

Larry E. Grant

Larry E. Grant, 59, of Grayling, passed away May 8, 1998 at his residence.

He was born in Port Huron to Earl E. and Florence (Harris) Grant on Feb. 17, 1939.

He resided in Grayling since 1976. He is a retired Assistant Fire Chief from Marysville Fire Department. He was a member of the Moose Lodge 158, Port Huron; Masonic Lodge F&AM 356, Grayling; and Eagles Lodge, Grayling.

He is survived by his daughter, Marjorie & John Livingston of Port Huron; son, James & Shannon Grant of Grayling, and James & Janice Thompson of Grant Township; daughter, Laurie & Tim Verbecke of Brown City; three granddaughters: Sarah Verbecke, Megan Grant, and Chantel DeSloover; two sisters: Mae & Garry Shagena of Port Huron, and Linda Minteer of Port Huron; and several nieces and nephews.

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Memorial Service

Memorial service for Barbara Jo Hinkle will be held May 23rd at 2 p.m. at the Frederic Cemetery.

Mary D. Carey

Mary D. Carey, 80, of Higgins Lake, passed away May 4, 1998.

She was born in 1918 in Garfield, N.J., to John and Caroline Kopacka. She grew up with three sisters, Irene, Helen, and Rose, and a brother, John. Her family was a close and loving one.

In 1935, Mary moved "out west" to Detroit to make her mark as a dress designer and seamstress. Her career in design came to a close in 1941 when she bought a business in Detroit, Gratiot Central Market; becoming the first woman business owner in what was a very large collection of food markets and stores. Mary received substantial media attention for her business skills when she became the subject of a feature article in the Detroit Free Press business news.

In 1945, she met her future husband, Frank, at her market. The two of them established Birch Lodge Resort at Higgins Lake. Mary owned and successfully operated Birch Lodge with her husband and family from 1946 to the day of her death, May 4.

In 1953, Mary and Frank decided that good business partners should wed. Later they would bring four children into the world: William, Edward, Amelia and Thomas. Mary raised her children with disciplined love that will never be forgotten.

Beginning in 1988, Mary's children gave her the new loves of her life; eight grandchildren. They quickly became her focus and she loved them as her own children.

Mary's death came with her 80th year. The great success of her life can be measured by the many titles she had: daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, designer, butcher, chef, CEO, and friend, are just a few of the "hats" she wore.

Mary shunned the spotlight, preferring to focus it on others around her. Her exacting business skills were only exceeded by her devotion as a wife and mother.

To say that she will be dearly missed only begins to describe the loss we all feel with her passing. Take joy in the knowledge that her life was long and successful and her death was quick and without suffering. Remember her in death as each of you knew her in life.

Card Of Thanks

To all our friends, for the cards, calls, food, and flowers, but most of all thank you for stopping to say your own goodbyes to my son, David Tait.

To his son Michael, to his brother and sister, and to me Kathy, his mother, he is not gone from us.

He may again be backpacking in Europe, he may be with his uncle in Colorado, or his two uncles in Arizona, or he may be fishing in the White River high in the Ozark Mountains with his uncle Danny. No matter where we go or how long we will be away. He'll be there with us, because we have him forever in our hearts, and never will we forget him as he is a part of us always.

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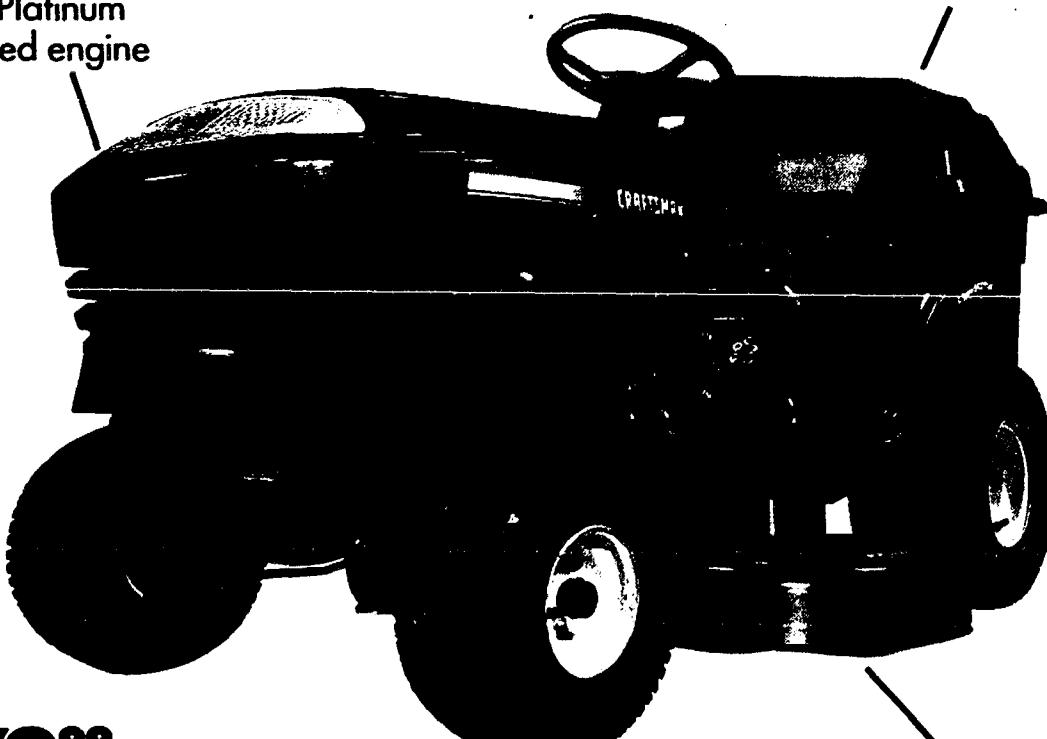
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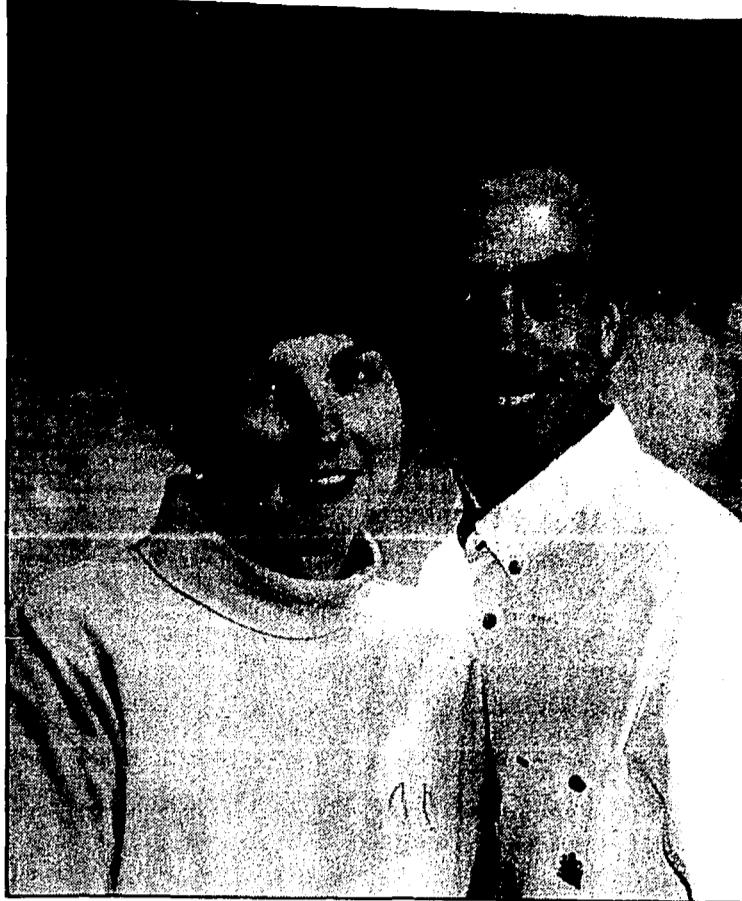
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Matyn and Leslie engaged



ENGAGEMENT — Marian Matyn and Rod Leslie announce their engagement. A May 23, 1998 wedding is planned.

Health Fair for Seniors

The 16th Annual Senior Life With Style Health Fair will be held on Wednesday, May 20th. The Health Fair will be held at the Quality Inn of Houghton Lake (formerly Holiday Inn) with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Many free health screenings are available from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Dr. Anita Tekchandani, MD, Urologist and MidMichigan Medical Center-Clare will provide a free Prostate Screening and PSA Blood Test on a first-come-first-served basis. Other screenings include blood screening for cholesterol, glucose and hemoglobin screening. Bring your medications for a Pharmacy Brown Bag check. You can also have your oxygen levels and flexibility/strength checked. Then enjoy a massage from Kirtland's Massage Therapy team.

Guest speakers for the "Ask the

Doctors" Panel at 1 p.m. are Dr. Anita Tekchandani, MD, Urologist, and Dr. Steven Gollish, MD, General Surgery. Both are on staff at MidMichigan Medical Center-Clare.

Dr. Tekchandani will address both male and female urology issues and questions, while Dr. Gollish will talk on preventive screening test like colonoscopy. Both will answer audience questions. Door Prize drawing follows.

Brochures, with registration forms, have been mailed to area seniors. The brochures are available at NMHS Houghton Lake Health Services, Northpoint Clinic in Roscommon, area senior centers, and health departments. For registration information or to have a brochure mailed to your home, call NMHS Administration office at (517) 422-5148.

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Lindsay Oliver

USCG Seaman Oliver

USCG Seaman Lindsay Oliver was promoted to Third Class Petty Officer (E-4) on April 2, 1998, after completing Electronic Technician School in Petaluma, Calif. Following her graduation from ET-A School she also completed LORAN-C (Long Range Navigation) School. This specialized training has prepared her for her next assignment in Kodiak, Alaska, the largest U.S. Coast Guard station in the world.

Lindsay enlisted in the Coast Guard in 1996, after her graduation from Grayling High School. She is the daughter of former Grayling residents, Rich and Anne Oliver.

Adkison joins U.S. Army

Terry L. Adkison, Jr. has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Petoskey.

The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$40,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career specialty.

Adkison, a student at Grayling High School, will report to Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C., for basic training on July 8, 1998.

He is the son of Terry L. and Patricia L. Adkison of Grayling.

McEvers, Kolka Wed



Mr. and Mrs. George Mc Evers would like to announce the marriage of their daughter Jennifer Lynn to Mark Kolka, son of Jack & Janet Kolka, and Carol Kolka of Grayling.

They were married in Virginia City, Mont. on April 14. Their attendants were: Jennifer's niece and nephew.

Gingerich graduates with B.S.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert and Carla Jean Gingerich are pleased to announce the graduation of their daughter, Nicole M. Gingerich from Central Michigan University (C.M.U.) on May 9, 1998.

Nicole is graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Communication Disorders. Her minors were Psychology and Gerontology.

Nicole's future plans are to continue her education at C.M.U. and pursue her Doctorate of Audiology degree.

Nicole is a 1994 graduate of Grayling High School.

Emily and Wes Fox.

Also attending the wedding were Jennifer's sisters and their husbands: Raeann and Shawn Collins of Cardwell, Mont. and Denae and Gary Fox of Grayling.

Mr. and Mrs. Kolka are residing in Grayling.



Nicole Gingerich

Kahn joins RE/MAX team

RE/MAX of Grayling is pleased to announce that Rick Kahn has joined their team of professional realtors as a sales associate, according to Broker/Owners Craig Hinkle and Charlene Scheer.

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Rick has been a long-standing member of both the Regional and National Chamber of Commerce and the National Federation of Independent



Rick Kahn

Business. Rick attended Oakland Community College and Eastern Michigan University where he received a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree.

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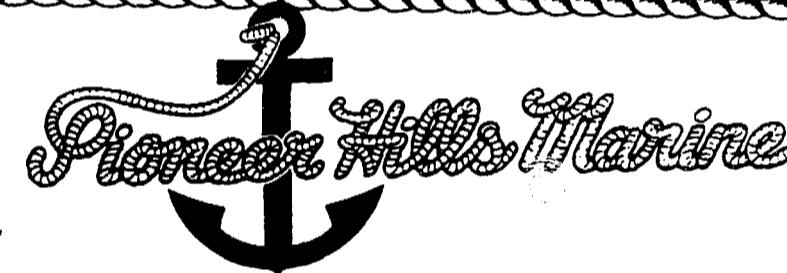
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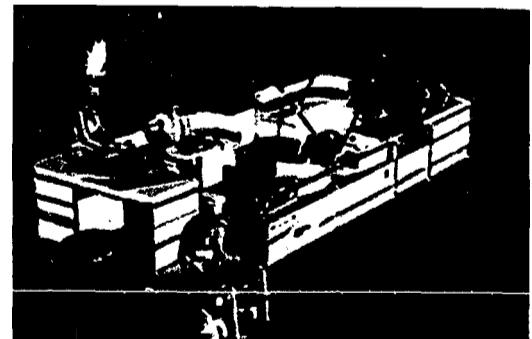
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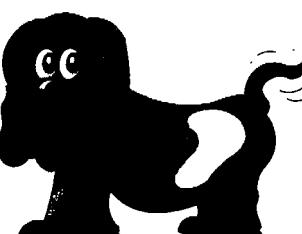
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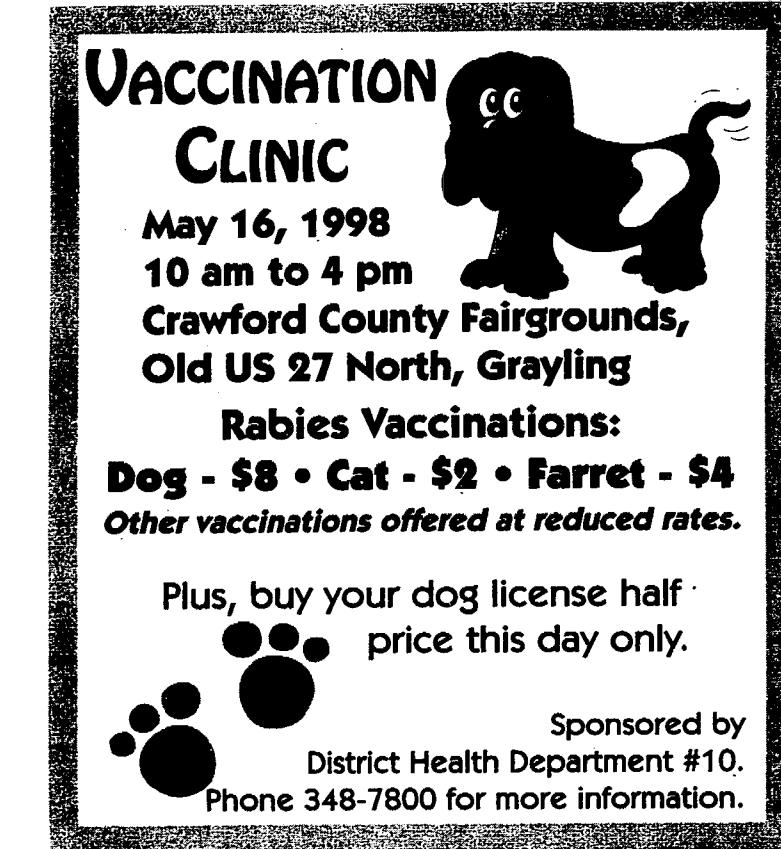
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Police train at Camp Grayling

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

During the first full week in May members of northern Michigan Sheriff's Departments took part in extensive training exercises at Camp Grayling.

Close to forty police officers participated in the training. Those officers now make up a Primary Response Team (PRT), which is similar to a SWAT team.

The main objectives of the training and the PRT are for the participants to learn the following: history and function of a PRT, tactical considerations, site management, roles and responsibilities of team members, heightened proficiency regarding selection and use of weapons systems and post-incident responsibilities.

Specific subjects covered in the training sessions included:

Use of primary and secondary weapons, establishing and maintaining an incident perimeter, executing tactical building entry and clearing, rappelling techniques as an alternate means of entry or exit, distraction devices, less than lethal force, chemical munitions and forced entry methods.

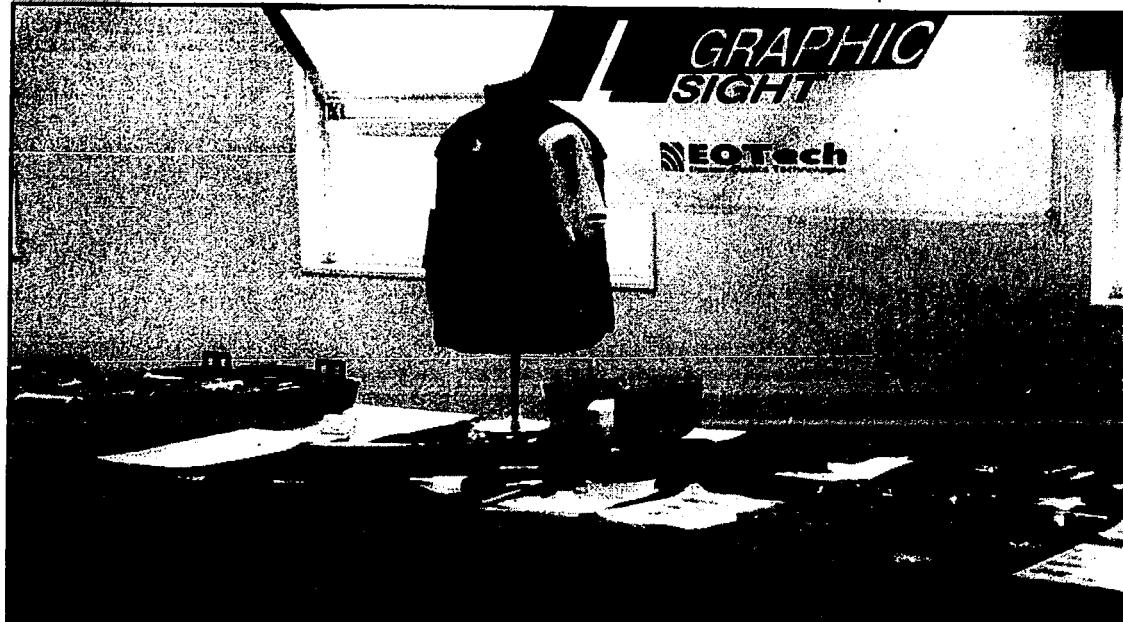
The training was provided by Schoolcraft College's law enforcement division.

The instructors each have an average of 10 years experience in PRT and all of them have instructed SWAT throughout the state.

Training consisted of 4 hours of classroom lecture and 36 hours of hands-on field work, which took place in Camp Grayling's site buildings.

Participants took a pre-test at the beginning and a post test after going through the training, and had to pass each phase. The officers also had to go through a "live evaluation scenario" at the end. The evaluation is used as a test of the trainee's knowledge and ability to put that knowledge to use.

The instructors participated in the evaluation as adversaries of the officers.



WEAPONS AND ARMOR -- Vendors were on hand to display their various products to the law enforcement representatives. Items on hand included firearms, body armor and ammo.

cers, engaging in realistic, paint cartridge-firing situations.

After this week of training by Schoolcraft the PRT will be on its own to meet and train, though the college will meet with the team members periodically for training updates. The PRT hopes to meet once a month in an effort to continue the teamwork.

The officers all stayed at Camp Grayling for a week.

"Officers get to know each other, and that helps to increase the teamwork," said Todd Scott of Schoolcraft's law enforcement division. "When you got guys behind you holding firearms you have to have a level of trust."

During the training the team was prepared for dealing with such critical situations as barricaded gunmen, high risk arrest subjects, crowd control and containing a scene in anticipation of back-up.

The training, though rewarding, was rigorous.

"It's been really physically demanding," said Scott, who is also a member of the Livonia Police Director.

On Thursday of the training week vendors and manufacturers were on hand to display their hardware.

They had various supplies available for the police departments to inspect in order to update their equipment. Items on hand included firearms of many different sizes and models, batons, body armor, knives, training tools and bullets -- includ-

ing special paint rounds.

The paint round bullets, which are used in various training exercises by police agencies and the FBI, are specially designed to fire from a regular weapon, but only with a special barrel attached.

As a safety precaution the bullets can not fire in a normal weapon without the attachment, and regular bullets will not fire through the adjusted weapon.

"Guys that train with these put on neck armor and soft armor and try to cover up all exposed skin, because these will leave a big welt," said Scott regarding the bullets. "These will hurt, even through armor, so you don't want to get hit. They hurt, so there is a fear factor there."

The training event at Camp Grayling was funded through Public Acts 302 money, which is designed as a training fund.

Five dollars from every traffic ticket goes into the Public Acts 302 pool, from which law enforcement agencies can get money out of by applying for grants like the PRT did, or through general disbursement.



DEFENDING A STAIRWELL -- Training participants listen as the instructor outlines procedures for protecting one's self and one's comrades in a situation involving a suspect on a stairwell.

Nation's Law Enforcement Mobilize America to Buckle up Children

From big cities like New York to small towns like Grayling, officers will be stepping up enforcement of child passenger safety laws.

They will be stopping those who fail to buckle up children. Over one-third of the nation's law enforcement agencies - 3,500 at last count - are participating in *Operation ABC '98*.

During the week of May 18-25, law enforcement officers in all 50 states will conduct *Operation ABC '98: Mobilizing America to Buckle Up Children*. This effort is a massive mobilization to protect children from the leading risk death and injury - being unrestrained in a traffic crash. Law enforcement's message is simple: *Children must be properly buckled up at all times. It's the law. No exceptions. No excuses.*

making it the largest coordinated law enforcement effort to buckle up children in history.

Despite years of education about the need to make sure kids ride buckled up, three in five children killed in crashes are unrestrained. Of those, nearly half would be saved if they were buckled up. "Many people just don't believe they'll be in a crash, so they don't put on their own seat belt or make sure that children are restrained," said Janet Dewey, Executive Director of the Air Bag & Seat Belt Safety Campaign. "Unfortunately the possibility of a ticket is what it takes for many drivers to protect children by always buckling them up."

Strong enforcement of adult belt laws will also save lives - both adults

and children. Drivers' belt use has a dangerous impact on children. According to a recent study by the Ford Motor Company, when a driver is buckled, children are buckled 94 percent of the time. However, when a driver is unbuckled, children are buckled only 30 percent of the time. Intensive enforcement of adult belt laws can increase belt use by as much as 15 percent.

Recent surveys show that the American public overwhelmingly supports officers actively enforcing child safety laws. "Law enforcement officers nationwide would much rather write a dozen tickets than pull one more broken child from a wreck," added Dewey. "We salute law enforcement for stepping forward to protect the children of this nation."

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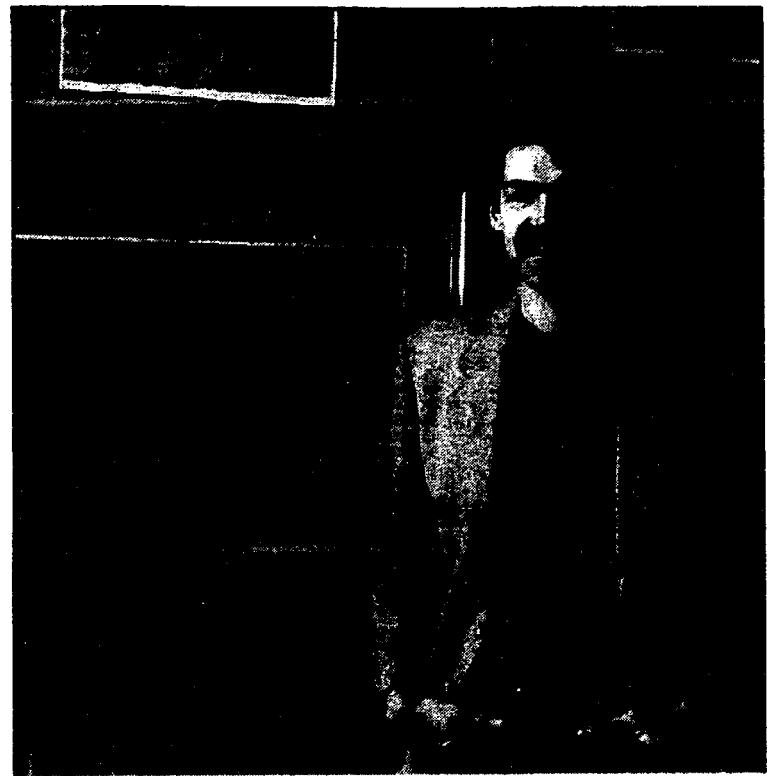
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Thursday, May 14, 1998

1998 Kirtland's Warbler Festival approaching



Rod Lawrence



Denny Olson

The 1998 Kirtland's Warbler Festival is set to take place on Saturday, May 30 on the campus of Kirtland Community College (KCC).

This year's Festival will offer a wide range of activities for people to take part in.

There will be a raffle, in which the grand prize winner will receive a six day/five night trip to the Bahamas, the winter home of the Warbler.

Other prizes will also be awarded. Drawing for the prizes will begin at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 30.

The Festival will feature a variety of live performers, exhibitions and activities.

Every year the Warbler Festival highlights a Featured Presenter, a Featured Artist and a Featured Photographer.

Featured Presenter

This year's Featured Presenter is Denny Olson, "the Critterman."

Olson has formal training as a biologist and geologist and an M.S. degree from the University of Minnesota. Olson has taught nature in the North Woods for over 20 years.

Olson's performances combine science and humor, as he takes the form of various alter-egos, including Doctor Loonacy, Professor Avian Guano, The Lost Voyageur, Wolfman, Dr. Death and the Mad Herbalist.

Featured Artist

The Featured Artist for the 1998 Warbler Festival is Rod Lawrence of Kalkaska.

Since graduating magna cum laude from the University of Michigan with a fine arts degree Lawrence has been working full time as a professional artist.

He has won numerous awards and had the winning Michigan Duck Stamp designs in 1983 and 1990, as well as the Trout Stamps of 1981, 1987 and 1992. He won both in 1995, making him the only artist to have won seven Michigan stamp designs.

Lawrence's art has appeared in many outdoor-themed magazines and has been displayed at numerous group or one-man shows.

He also wrote and illustrated a

book entitled "Painting Wildlife Textures," which was released in 1997.

Featured Photographer

Rick Baetsen, Featured Photographer of the 1998 Warbler Festival, has worked as a biological technician for the U.S. Forest Service and Michigan Department of Natural Resources and as a biologist for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

In 1977 Baetsen combined his interest in the natural world with his photography hobby, and soon won a number of regional and national photography awards.

Baetsen's work has appeared in art shows, state and national magazines, internet sites, commercial advertising, brochures, newsletters, public television, galleries and a CD-ROM.

Activities

In addition to the raffle and featured exhibitionists there is a wide range of activities for Warbler Festival visitors to participate in.

There will be many food concessions, including a welcoming "Warbler Waffle" and pancake breakfast.

A juried Arts and Crafts Fair coordinated by the Roscommon Area Arts Guild will feature products having a natural or wildlife theme. Art and craft items will include soft sculpture, painting, textiles, photography, watercolors, gourd carvings, antler designs, hand crafted wood items, and more.

Charles Fry, a Native American storyteller who is known as "White Raven," will be making presentations in the morning and afternoon. White Raven is an author, and is known for presentations which discuss the oral traditions of the original Great Lakes people, as well as re-enacting Native American Pow-wows.

Other activities and workshops available for visitors to take part in will include: Kirtland's warbler tours, an in-the-water canoeing and kayaking workshop, a four part presentation entitled "This Land is Our Land," the multi-media presentation "Natural Inspirations," fly fishing lessons, owl walks, photo walks, AuSable River canoeing, country



Rick Baetsen

music performer Noddea Moore, songwriter Cindy Gibbs, the RoseBranch Minstrels, Ogemaw Heights High School Jazz Band, and much more.

There will also be presentations giving information on mushroom harvesting, landscaping, wild flowers, and wildlife such as black bears, eagles, loons, hawks and others.

Activities aimed at youth festival goers will include: Cameron the Giant Caterpillar, face-painting, Kirtland's Warbler Maze, Smokey the Bear, Woodsy the Owl, and more.

The Kirtland's Warbler Festival is designed to celebrate the return of the Warbler to its home in the Jack Pine and AuSable River Ecosystem, and to "help folks become more aware of our precious woodland resources and the importance of preserving the wildlife habitat of our area," said Linda Barnes, KCC Consultant and Chairperson of the

1998 Festival Kirtland's warbler

The Kirtland's warbler is a small, sparrow-sized bird that inhabits the jack pines of the northern Lower Peninsula and parts of the Upper Peninsula.

The bird is endangered; in 1987 only 334 were known to exist.

Kirtland's warbler appears to be making a comeback, though. In 1996 approximately 1,384 warblers were counted, which was the most since 1961, when 1,004 warblers were estimated to be in existence.

The bird stays in Michigan for four months, arriving from the Bahamas sometime in the middle of May.

The Kirtland's Warbler Festival is an annual event held at the campus of Kirtland Community College, located eight miles north of St. Helen.

There is no admission cost for the event.

Over 300 area kids Jump Rope for Heart



JUNIOR JUMPERS - In the foreground is AuSable Primary 2/3 grader, Jacob Perry, giving it his all for the American Heart Association. In the background are Chad Gildner, left, and Mary Johnson, right, taking a little break from raising their heart rates for a good cause. They are also AuSable Primary students.



HOPPIN' GOOD FUN - Grayling Elementary School fifth grader, Chris Squire, shows his rope-jumping talents during *Jump Rope for Heart*, held in the school parking lot on May 5.

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer
Grayling and Frederic Elementary Schools' Physical Education teacher, Mike Neff, said the *Jump Rope for Heart* campaign was a success.
With the help of volunteer Becky



JUMPING FOR A CAUSE - This group of energetic girls are participating in the recent *Jump Rope for Heart*, a nationwide fundraiser for the American Heart Association. From left: Jennifer Long, Holly Derenzy, Kara Paterson and Heather Metzer.

Doremire and AuSable Primary School Physical Education teacher, Keith Seybert, kids from the three area schools raised \$8,900 for the American Heart Association during the event held on May 5. The proceeds will help pay for cancer and heart disease research.

The top fundraiser from Frederic Elementary School was Veronica Caid, a fifth grade student in Timothy Branch's class. Veronica Caid raised \$259. A total of 32 students from Frederic participated in the jump and, all together, raised \$1,400.

The top fundraiser from Grayling Elementary School was Lucas Hurd, a fourth grade student in Jerry Hayes' class. Lucas raised \$157. A total of 275 students participated between the elementary and primary schools and they raised a total of \$7,500.

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Varsity baseball team still having difficulties

by Dave Golnick

Student Writer

The Grayling Vikings Varsity Baseball team continues to struggle this season, with another week of losses to Oscoda, Kalkaska and Pinconning.

The first of the three series was played against the Oscoda Owls at Oscoda.

Game one of the May 5 double-header ended in a 7-6 score in favor of the Owls. Grayling scored four late runs to pull within one, but the Oscoda defense retired the next three batters to end the game.

Grayling drew first blood in the second game, but a series of baserunning errors put an end to the

early scoring drive.

Late in the fourth inning the Grayling defense fell apart, giving up two runs that inning and three in the fifth to end the game at 6-1 in Oscoda's favor.

Grayling's next series was on May 8 against Kalkaska.

The Vikings played well in the field in game one, but failed to put any runs on the board. Kalkaska ended up winning 4-0.

The second game of the Kalkaska series was more of an offensive show than a defensive struggle.

Both teams scored early, but Kalkaska maintained a lead throughout the entire game. The Vikings rallied in the fifth inning as Chad Ellis,

Eli Tobin and John Haskel all scored runs. The Kalkaska defense rallied and ended Grayling's chances for a win, securing an 8-5 victory.

The third series of the week was a league matchup with the Pinconning Spartans.

Grayling continued to struggle at the plate, failing to muster any run support for the pitching staff.

fought pitching duel and defensive battle. Pinconning pitcher Ben Galus took control early with seven strikeouts in four innings, but Grayling's Josh Sheldon fought back with a couple strikeouts of his own and some great fielding plays.

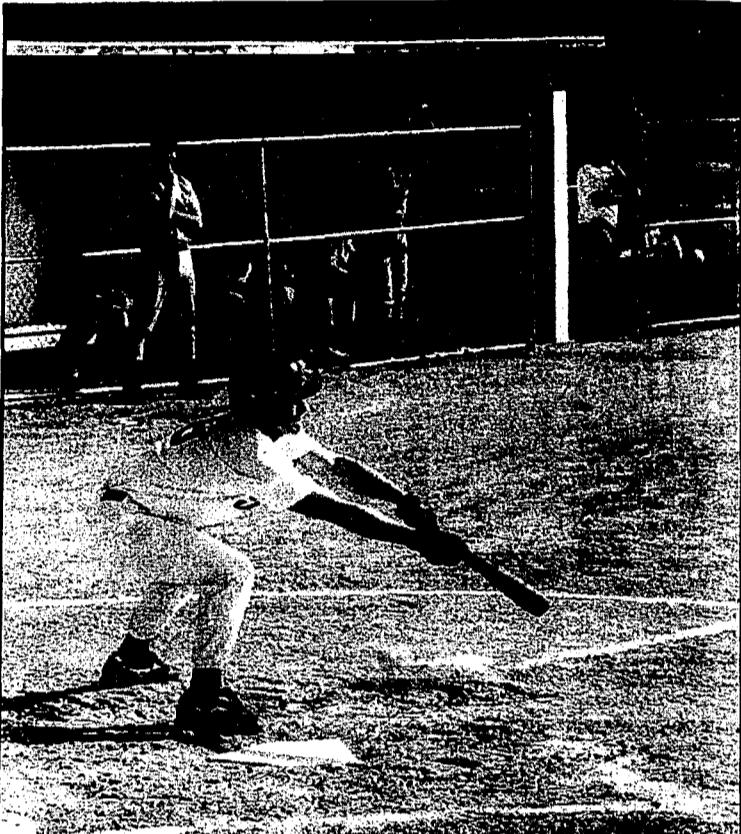
Haskel also played an outstanding defensive game at third base.

The Vikings had a rough sixth inning, however, when all but two Pinconning players scored, leading to an 8-0 final in favor of the Spartans.

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SLIDING INTO THIRD -- Grayling third baseman Jon Haskel awaits a throw from a teammate so he can put a tag on a sliding Kalkaska opponent.



SQUARING TO BUNT -- Viking batter Josh Sheldon squares around to bunt.



ON THE MOUND -- Left hander Rusty Strohpaul delivers a pitch as his teammates anticipate contact.

Varsity Softball edged out by Kalkaska, splits with Gaylord

by Caleb Casey

Staff Writer

On Wednesday, May 6 the Grayling Varsity Softball Team lost a pair of close games at Kalkaska.

"Kalkaska was a 12-4 ball team, and we played them very tight," said Coach Donna Boughner.

The final score of the first game was 2-1 in Kalkaska's favor.

"It was a 1-1 ball game until the bottom of the 6th," noted Boughner.

"(Nicki) Osga once again pitched two great games. (Kim) Hartman laid down some nice bunts to get the Vikings running around the bases, and (Tanya) Helsel was outstanding in the outfield, robbing the Kalkaska slugs of a few triples," said Coach Boughner.

"We came out and played very well after our two disappointing losses to Oscoda."

Grayling hosted Pinconning on Friday, May 8, and lost both games of the doubleheader 13-0.

"Pinconning is one of the best teams in the state right now," said Coach Boughner, "and we held our own against them. Vickie Jensen did an outstanding job in the outfield, throwing two runners out at first.

For the second game (Leanna) Matthews was behind the mask and played very well."

On Monday, May 11 the Viking team traveled to Gaylord to take on

the Blue Devils.

Grayling won the first game 4-1.

"Grayling Varsity beat Gaylord Monday night for the first time since the two teams have faced each other," said Boughner.

The Vikings made only one defensive error, which "contributed to the win," said Coach Boughner.

Jean Zelek was two for three with two RBI's to lead the Viking offense. Winning pitcher Osga also had a key role in the offensive effort, hitting an RBI triple in the fifth inning and then scoring on a passed ball.

"Game two did not fare as well as game one, our ten errors cost us a chance for the sweep," said Boughner.

The Blue Devils came away with a 9-3 victory in game two.

The Vikings go to Standish on Friday, May 15 for another road series.

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Boys track is running well

On May 7 Grayling Boys Track competed against Tawas and Ogemaw Heights.

Grayling's first place finishes versus the Ogemaw team are:

Mickey McClain, 110 Meter High Hurdles, time of 16.4; 300 Meter Hurdles, time of 43.5.

Nate Hinkle, 100 Meter Dash, time of 11.7; 200 Meter Dash, time of 23.4.

Travis Parkinson, 400 Meter Dash, time of 54.3.

Hinkle's second place jump of 6'4" in the high jump competition was his highest leap of the season.

"This meet was re-scheduled due to lightning on Wednesday. This caused our team to be short on numbers because some of the kids could not make it," said Coach Keith Seybert.

Ogemaw won in team score 100-37.

Tawas also racked up a higher team score than the Vikings, winning 86-47.

Top Viking finishers in that meet include:

McClain, 2nd place, 110 Meter

High Hurdles; 2nd place, long jump, jump of 17' 9".

Hinkle, 1st place, 200 Meter Dash; 2nd place, 100 Meter Dash.

Brett Black, 3rd place, 1600 Meter Run.

Parkinson, 1st place, 400 Meter Dash.

Jason Boreo, 1st place, 3200 Meter Run.

Joe Fritz, 2nd place, shot put, throw of 31' 10".

Marc Kiefer, 3rd place, shot put, throw of 31' 10"; 3rd place, discus, throw of 99' 11".

Armand Lawrence, 2nd place, discus, throw of 101' 6".

Nate Beckwith, 1st place, long jump, jump of 17' 11.75".

Grayling went to the Houghton Lake Invitational meet on Saturday, May 9. The team finished third overall in the Class B section, beating out Houghton Lake, Reed City and Oscoda.

Vikings that placed include:

McClain, 2nd place, 110 Meter High Hurdles; 6th place, 300 Meter Hurdles.

Jesse Hannum, 5th place, 100 Meter High Hurdles.

David Hawkins, Black, Boreo, Lawrence, 4th place, 3200 Meter Relay.

Hannum, Brad Wilson, Hinkle, Parkinson, 1st place, 400 Meter Relay; 5th place, 800 Meter Relay.

Parkinson, 6th place, 400 Meter Dash.

Hannum, Hinkle, McClain, Parkinson, 3rd place, 1600 Meter Relay.

McClain's second place finish in

the 110 Meter High Hurdles was a season best for him, with a time of 16.0.

"We ran very well today," said Coach Seybert of the Invitational.

"I'm pleased with the results. We had a lot of people running fast times, some being the best of the season."

"It has been great seeing the team become more competitive against other schools. The kids have been scoring points and placing as a team," said Seybert.

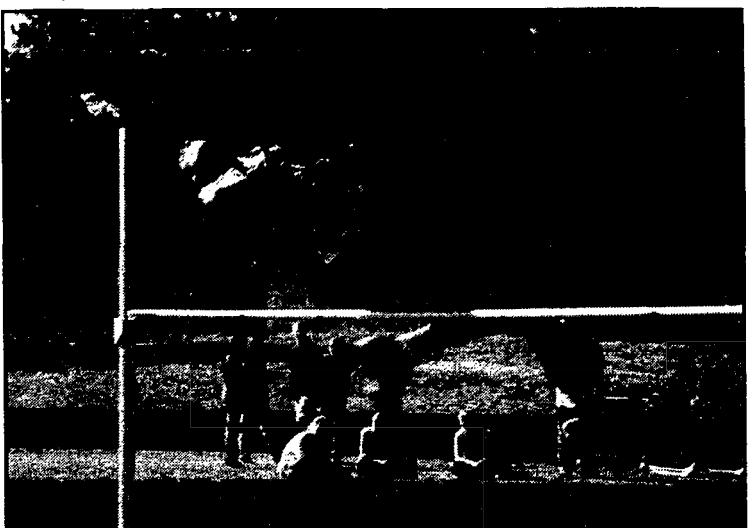
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CLEARING THE BAR -- Grayling track participates in the high jump competition.

Merritt Speedway opens to full house

by Amber LaCroix
Capital news Service

In response to increased citizen complaints over personal watercraft or jet-ski use, several lawmakers introduced measures to increase safety education and enforcement mechanisms.

Two bills on personal watercraft safety recently passed the House and Senate. Rep. Jessie F. Dalman's broader measure that also covers boating safety passed the House.

The legislators must now compile a joint bill to get approval from both the House and Senate before Gov. Engler can sign it.

The proposals would phase in several new measures, including a minimum operating age of 16 and a mandatory boating safety course for personal watercraft operation for those born after Jan. 1, 1979, or under age 19.

The legislation would limit the times personal watercraft could be used. Operators would have to be off the water an hour before sunset, a half-hour earlier than now. A companion House bill would allow use to start at 9 a.m., rather than the current hour after dawn.

Sen. Jon Cisky (R-Saginaw) and Rep. William Callahan (D-St. Clair) the original authors, are collaborating on the issue, focusing on enforcement and education respectively.

Cisky anticipates the bills will pass by late May.

Midland Sea-Doo and boat dealer Bill Stevens Sr. said if the state is

going to be fair, they've got to target all watercraft.

"Personal watercrafts are no different than any boats," said Stevens, president of Steven's Sport Center and Bay City's Steven's Cycles Sales.

In 1997, Michigan registered about 960,000 boats, of which 10 percent were personal watercrafts, said Lt. Lyle Belknap of Michigan's Department of Natural Resources (DNR) law enforcement marine safety division.

Belknap supports the proposed laws, but wants to see boating and personal watercraft laws packaged together.

"All they're really doing is splitting personal watercraft out of the legislation," said Belknap, who worked with Dalman, a Holland Republican, on the boating legislation.

While Michigan may have the most watercraft nationally, it's below average in boating deaths, he said. The national average is five deaths for every 100,000 boats, but the state had only 21 last year, half that rate.

One personal watercraft death occurred in 1997, Belknap said.

While there are lessons to be learned, state boaters are safer than ever, Belknap said. In 1967, there were about one-third the number of boaters today, but more than triple the number of 1997 accidents.

Although accidents have declined, Belknap advocates safety legislation. "We need to educate boaters about personal watercrafts. We need to educate personal watercraft operators about themselves."

It was a long time coming but Merritt Speedway opened Saturday night to a full house, both the stands and the pits. There were lots of old faces with new cars and new faces with new cars and lots of cars and drivers from last year.

Mike Nichols won the Boney Chevrolet Late Model feature race ahead of Bruce Vance and Frank Seder who put on a great race for second and third.

Rounding out the top ten were: Eric Sprangler, Joe Johnson, Matt Sprague, Brent Banning, Phil Hendershot, Steve Poel, and Marty Buffum, who had a change of heart about retiring.

Ed Thirlby won the "B" main ahead of Steve DeKam, Eric Chant, Rail Roko and Chad Foster. Rokos, Don Marcoullier, Buffum, and Mike Fenske won the heats, Seder took the four car dash over Johnson, Sprangler and Sprague.

Brent Banning was a double winner in the Michigan Modified Class as he won his heat and then the main event. Joey Fowler and Bill Oliver battled for the runner-up spot with Fowler second and Oliver third. Brian Tregear, Jim Waldfogel, Bob Kingen, Darryl Chappel, Jim Smith, Bill Whittington, and Clay Chambers followed.

Willard Van Haitsma won the "B" main over Dave Hatfield, Buster Diaz, Dave Mairose and Jim Coil, Jr. Heat winners were Banning, Waldfogel, Fowler, and Jerry Bazuin. Chappel took the dash ahead of Bill Scott, Roger

Fussman, and Whittington.

There were 13 Pro Trucks on hand, doubling last year's field, a good sign this new class is growing quickly. Tom Kushmal and Ronnie Hill were both double winners in this class as Kushmal won his heat and the main event.

Jim McSwain, Hill, Matt Mead, Dave Schram, Matt Saxton, and Russ Hacker followed in the main event. Hill won his heat and the dash. Behind him in the dash were J.T. Anderson, Schram and Kushmal.

The final race of the evening was the Street Stock feature. It was Leon Bidoul, Gerald VanWormer, Tom Blake, Louie Peterson, Mark Kaufman, Alex Beaman, and Bill Meyer at the checkered in the main. Richard Clay took the honors in the "B" main over Beaman, Meyer, Kaufman, and Mike Fecko. The heat winners were: Bidoul, Blake and Meyer.

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Batting cages built next to high school ball fields

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

In a combined effort by Grayling Little League and the Grayling Youth Booster Club new batting cages have been constructed near the High School baseball fields.

The structures were built over Easter vacation by local residents Dave Vogel, Craig Stewart, Jim Tobin, Larry Bayham and Tom Haskel.

Dubois Lumber, McLean's Hardware and Sylvester's provided support in getting the materials, while the Booster Club and Little League split the \$4,800 cost.

The new batting cages will be used by high school baseball and softball teams, American Legion baseball teams, Little League teams and the new 16 to 18 year old Grayling Merchants baseball teams.

"The principle benefit that we see from them is that it gives the kids extended practice time, and because of that it's almost the equivalent of having a new field," said Little League President Tom Haskel.

Inside the structure are three separate "cages" in which ball players can take some cuts against either a



BATTING PRACTICE -- The varsity baseball team takes some "B.P." in the recently constructed batting cages located near the high school ball fields.

pitching machine or a live pitcher.

At the same time, players can hit soft pitches up against the outside netting wall.

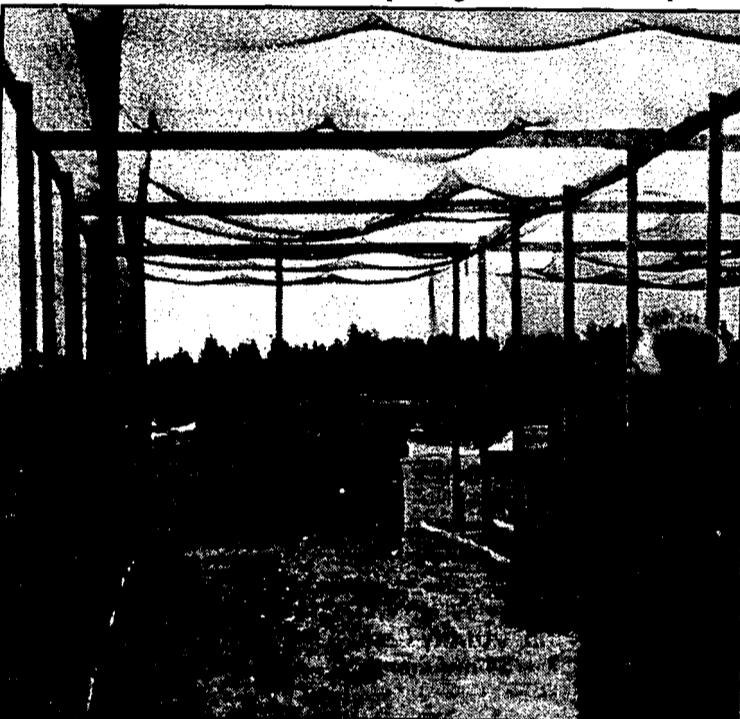
"The original inspiration for the batting cages came when Little League coach Bob Hale passed away," said Haskel. "He spent numerous hours with his grandson Mike Hale teaching batting skills."

After recognizing the need for a batting cage structure Little League took steps to make the project happen, first contacting the Booster Club, then getting the materials together, and finally organizing and

completing the construction.

"Because we only have two fields out there there's not enough field time for batting practice, since basically what you have is one guy hitting, one guy pitching and the rest standing around," said Haskel.

Now, with the recently constructed cages, batting practice can be taken by at least three batters at once, and even more if other players hit "flips" up against the outer walls. All of this will help teams get a lot more accomplished during their limited practice time.



TAKING SOME CUTS -- Inside the cages players can take swings against a pitching machine or a live pitcher.

Boys Tennis Team shows improvement

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Grayling Varsity Boys Tennis Team, now in its third year, is steadily becoming more competitive.

In eight meets the Vikings have posted a 1-7 record, with the lone victory coming against Bay City John Glenn.

"The matches have been mostly pretty close," said Coach Tom Mills. "I thought we'd do a little better record wise, but we seem to be playing well. We've shown a lot of improvement over last year."

At tennis meets both singles and doubles events are played.

The top four singles players are ranked and play their numerically ranked counterpart on the opposing team.

The same goes for doubles competition, in which the top three team pairs each take on a same ranked pair from the other squad.

Grayling's current singles rank-

ings are:

- #1. Eric Thompson
- #2. Shane Colby
- #3. Mike Winters
- #4. Jeremy Jones

At practices the Grayling team members play "challenge matches" to determine rankings.

The three doubles pairings are:

- #1. Ravi Ramaswamy, Mike Ostwald.
- #2. Tristan Williams, Travis Pearl.
- #3. Travis Beckett, Jared Armstrong.

Dan Mead, Chuck Filk and Nate Everson also play in exhibition matches.

Jones is undefeated at the #4 singles spot, and Thompson has done well at the #1 spot, Mills said.

"Eric has done a nice job for us, he's really come on," said Coach Mills.

The Grayling Tennis Team will travel to Boyne Mountain on Friday, May 15 for regional competition.

Girls track faces Tawas, Ogemaw

Grayling Girls Track faced off against Tawas and Ogemaw on Thursday, May 7.

Viking placements versus the Tawas team included:

Nicole Craigie, 1st place in the following events: 100 Meter High Hurdles, 100 Meter Dash, 300 Meter Hurdles and the long jump.

Mary Dobry, 2nd place, 1600 Meter Run.

Kathy Wyman, 1st place, 400 Meter Dash.

Brooke Ginther, 2nd place, 800 Meter Run; 3rd place, high jump.

Karen Wyman, 3rd place, 800 Meter Run.

Katie Olson, Emily Wakeley, Karen Wyman, Kathy Wyman, 2nd place, 800 Meter Relay.

Placements in the Ogemaw matchup were:

Dobry, 3rd place, 1600 Meter Run.

Kathy Wyman, 3rd place, 400 Meter Dash.

Ginther, 2nd place, high jump.

Craigie, 2nd place, 100 Meter High Hurdles; 2nd place, 100 Meter Dash; 2nd place, 300 Meter Hurdles.

Stephanie Wichert, 4th place, shot put, throw of 30' 2".

Lindsey Voelker, 7th place, shot put, throw of 28' 10".

Ginther, Terah Armstrong, Kathy Wyman, Karen Wyman, 3rd place, 3200 Meter Relay.

The 3200 Meter Relay team posted its best time of the year at 10:36.74.

JV Softball takes one in series vs. Oscoda

Junior Varsity Softball took on Oscoda at home on May 5, and won the second of the doubleheader.

The Vikings lost the first game by a 20-10 margin. The leading Grayling hitters in that high scoring contest were:

Andrea Elmy, 2 singles, 1 double, 2 runs; Danielle Niederer, 2 singles, 1 triple, 2 runs; Mika Sumner, 2 doubles, 1 run.

Carrie Cadeau, Tamella Strait, Monica Kustra, Arica Wolcott and Sarah Fairbotham each had a single.

Grayling won the second game by 16 runs, outscoring Oscoda 25-9.

Elmy led the offensive attack, hitting two singles, a double and a home run, scoring five runs in the process.

The following Vikings also had solid performances at the plate:

Cadeau, 1 double, 1 single, 4 runs; Kustra, 2 doubles, 3 runs; Sumner, 2

Craigie also placed first in the long jump, with a season best jump of 15' 6".

On May 9 Grayling participated in the Houghton Lake Invitational track meet.

Grayling finished fourth out of six Class C teams.

A total of 17 teams competed, and the following placements are against all the participating schools:

Craigie, 5th place, High Hurdles; 8th place, 100 Meter Dash; 3rd place, 300 Meter Hurdles; 3rd place, long jump.

Dobry, 3rd place, 1600 Meter Run.

Kathy Wyman, Karen Wyman, Dobry, Ginther, 6th place, 1600 Meter Relay.

Stephanie Wichert, 4th place, shot put, throw of 30' 2".

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The 3200 Meter Relay team posted its best time of the year at 10:36.74.

The JV squad hosted Kalkaska on May 7.

Kalkaska won the first of the series in what Coach Lori Johnson called the Viking team's "best played game of the year."

"It was a tough loss, the girls played awesome defense," said Johnson.

Grayling dropped the second game, losing 3-17 to Kalkaska.

Coach Johnson cited "costly errors in the field" as one of the causes for the loss.

Kustra, Sumner and Niederer each scored a run for the Vikes.

Grayling's next matchup was a road contest at Pinconning.

The Vikings were outscored in both, losing the first 22-7 and the second 22-12.

Camp Grayling troop strengths for summer

In 1998 Camp Grayling marks its 85th year of providing the highest quality of resources to America's fighting forces.

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Although technology has changed in the past 85 years, the mission mandated remains: to train soldiers

in their wartime tasks and prepare to meet State emergencies when called upon.

The current projection for the 1998 Annual Training period is as follows:

June 13-27: Michigan National Guard, troop strength: 6,500.

July 11-25: Ohio National Guard, troop strength: 4,500.

August 1-15: Wisconsin National Guard, troop strength: 3,200.

August 8-22: Michigan National Guard, troop strength: 800.

Projected total for the period is 15,000.

This is up quite a bit from last

summer, when the Camp brought in about 10,000 troops, and almost twice 1996's total of about 7,800.

In 1996 guard numbers were low because of the Olympic games in Atlanta, where the troops helped to provide security.

"Fifteen thousand is about normal," said Major Tom Lamie, regarding summer troop strength.

August

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Weekend drill strengths are also projected to be about the same as past years.

Weekend training strengths fluctuate, ranging from none during firearm deer hunting season to a high of 3,048 figured for May 2 and 3.

The total number for the year is projected at 21,438 soldiers.

GRAYLING COUNTRY CLUB NEWS

Wednesday Morning Women's League

By Donna Thomson

On Wednesday, May 6 the Wednesday Morning Ladies League had a beautiful day for golf. Usually at this time in other years, we began our season in long underwear, sweatshirts and wind suits, but today we played in shorts. Hard to believe but very welcome warmth.

The golf committee worked very hard and our schedule books were all ready to be picked up. To Jeanne Thompson who figures all this out, where we start, who we play with, etc. and then types it all up, Job well done.

Today was a "fun day" and the play of the day was "Best Ball Score" for the team.

First place went to the team of Jane

Haller, Kathy Olson and Fran Shires with a score of 40.

There was a tie for second place

taken by the team of Jill Anderson,

Evie Kent and Rita McClain and the other team of Carolyn DiPonio, Joyce Ross, Balkis Shippy and Donna Thomson with a score of 44.

Our team had an added bonus as Carolyn DiPonio had an awesome chip-in on #7 which gave her a birdie on that hole! Good Job.

We then had a nice lunch of salad, chicken and dumplings, and a choice of three delicious desserts. Judy and her staff always take good care of us.

Until next week, that's all "fore" now.

Surplus Food to be distributed

Surplus Food Commodities will be distributed on May 19, at the Eagles Hall from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you are not certified, you will need to do so before receiving any commodities. You will need to bring proof of income of all members in the household that is being certified, as well as identification of the head of household.

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Eligibility is based on (1) wages and salaries before any deduction; (2) receipts from non-farm and farm self-employment; (3) regular payments from social security, railroad retirement, unemployment compensation, strike benefits, veteran's benefits, public assistance including supplemental security income (SSI), training stipends, alimony, private pensions, government employee pensions, and regular insurance or annuity payments and (4) income dividends, interest, rent, royalties, or periodic receipts from estates or trusts. Exempt incomes are capital gains, tax refunds, student loans, medicare premium deducted from social security and child support.

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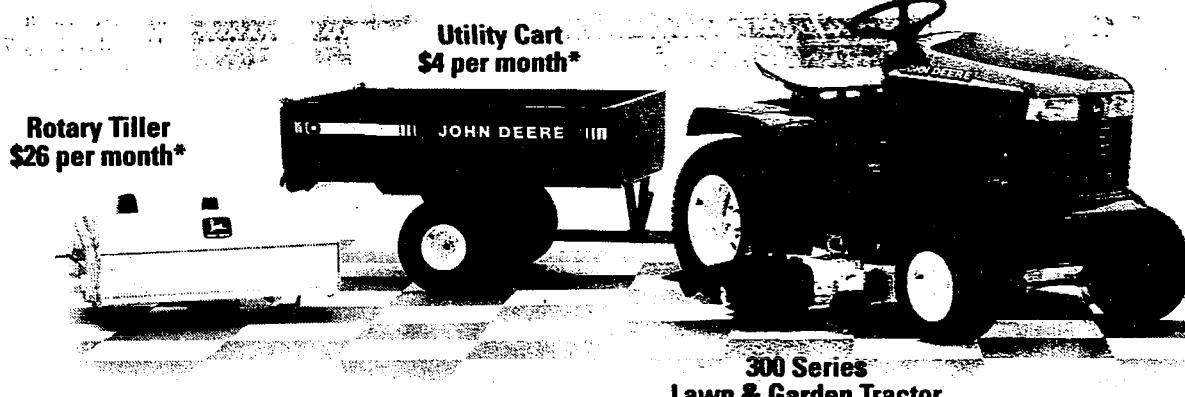
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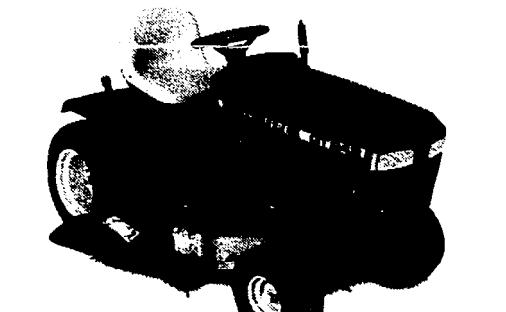
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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE—Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by STEPHAN E. PAPE, SR. and Elizabeth A. PAPE, husband and wife (original Mortgagors) to Express Funding, Inc., a Nevada Corporation, Mortgagor, dated December 14, 1994 and recorded on December 14, 1994 in Liber 387, on Page 388, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to BANKERS TRUST COMPANY, as Trustee as assignee, by an assignment dated December 9, 1994 which was recorded on July 10, 1996 in Liber 414 on Page 292, Crawford County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fourteen Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Nine and 34/100 dollars (\$14,689.34), including interest at 16.30% per annum. Adjustable Rate Mortgage. Interest rate may change on 1/1 and 7/1 of each year.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on Wednesday, May 27, 1998.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF BEAVER CREEK, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 378, Indian Glens of the AuSable Unit #5, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 03 of Plats, Page 25, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 16, 1998
BANKERS TRUST COMPANY, as Trustee FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: (248) 642-4202

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE—Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael H. Jones and Merrideth C. Jones, husband and wife, of 6588 Nottingham Drive, Grayling, Michigan, 49738, to Empire National Bank of Traverse City, a national banking association of 1227 East Front Street, Traverse City, Michigan, 49686, dated May 18, 1993, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford in the State of Michigan on May 25, 1993, at Liber 359, Pages 475-480, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this Notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$49,363.85; and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative:

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, May 14, 1998, at 10:00 a.m., on the steps of the Courthouse in the Village of Grayling, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said Mortgage, together with interest at 8% per annum, legal costs, attorney fees, and any taxes and insurance that the Mortgagor, Empire National Bank of Traverse City, Traverse City, Michigan, does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

Land situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford and State of Michigan, described as:

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The redemption period as provided by law is six (6) months from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 13, 1998
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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

ROBERTA TREMAIN & ASSOCIATES, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR AND WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE—Default having been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Laura M. Bonenfant to United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, U.S. Dept. Of Agriculture now known as USDA, Rural Development Mortgagee, dated August 10, 1994, and recorded on August 10, 1994, in Liber 382, on page 53, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of fifty eight thousand four hundred and 20/100 Dollars (\$58, 400.20), including interest at 7.250% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and approved, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door of County Building, Grayling, MI, at 10:00 a.m. on June 3, 1998.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan and are described as:

Lot eleven (#11) Wheel-In-Estates, A recorded plat of the northeast 1/4 of section 18 T25N, R3W, Recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 28, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241(a) in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 23, 1998
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NOTICE FOR BIDS BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP

Beaver Creek Township will be accepting bids for a Level II Assessor. Our Township has \$64 million taxable and approximately 2,300 parcels. The position is part-time with contract beginning July 1, 1998. Records are computerized with Equalizer software. Bids/resumes should be submitted by June 5, 1998, 2:00 p.m. to Beaver Creek Township Clerk, 8994 S. Oak Road, Grayling 49738, (517)275-8878. The Township reserves the right to reject any & all bids, to accept other than the lowest bid and to make decisions in the best interest of the township.

Sharon K. Hartman, Clerk

New DNR range finders enforce distance-safety laws

by Amber LaCroix

Capital News Service

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is warning boater and hunters: Don't even think about it.

If you violate the watercraft and hunting-safety distance law, the DNR's new range finders will hold you accountable. The range finders calculate the distance between two points to enforce the distance-safety law.

The radar-equipped finders will be primarily for watercraft enforcement but also for hunters, said Capt. Richard Asher of the DNR's law enforcement division.

Water safety regulations mandate a 100-foot clearance from any stationary object, including buoyed swim areas, docks and fishing boats. Hunters must maintain a safety zone of 450 feet from any building.

There hasn't been a court case challenging range-finder results yet, Asher said. "Like anything else, it will have to be proven accurate, but we believe it is."

More than 200 of the binocular-sized finders were issued to DNR conservation officers over two months at a cost of \$200 each.

The range finders will help DNR officers investigate citizen complaints and sightings of reckless watercraft operators, said Creig Grey, a Midland County DNR conservation officer.

"On water, it's very difficult to establish distance — it's deceptive," said Grey, who patrols three-to-four days a week on Sanford and Wixom lakes in the summer.

Last summer, he was among a small number of officers who tested the range finders. Patrolling on Sanford Lake one day, he spotted two personal

watercraft near an angered angler who thought they were too close. On measuring the actual distance with the range finder, he found the Jet-Ski drivers were well beyond the 100-foot safety zone.

"It set his mind at ease," Grey said. "They weren't as close as he thought."

The radar also measures distances from shore, especially when in water 3 feet or less and considered a no-wake zone, Grey said.

On some inland lakes, murky water makes it difficult to tell the water's depth, said Gary Stryker, co-owners of Stryker's Lakeside Marina in Edenville. This is an issue for Wixom and Sanford lakes, he said. "It's a dammed-up river so visibility can be difficult at times."

Grey agrees it can be difficult to see some lake bottoms but added, "Fortunately we have some discretion on our rulings."

The range finders will be used just as much on the Great Lakes as the inland lakes, said Sgt. Raymond Boehringer of Plainwell's DNR law enforcement office.

Water skiers coming too close to docks and personal watercraft jumping wakes will also be monitored, he said. "It seems like they don't want to do these things unless they can be watched."

Anyone violating watercraft or hunting-safety zones will be ticketed, Boehringer said. Punishment is a misdemeanor charge.

Last year, enforcing proper distances between boats was a DNR priority, Grey said. "There was a high probability that if you were violating the rule, you'd get a ticket."

He expects the same this year.

It's hoped the range finders will deter accidents and promote safety, Grey said. "I hope so. I guess time will tell."

Rubber Stamps Available At The AVALANCHE

NOTICE FOR BIDS MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP

Maple Forest Township will be accepting bids for a Level I Assessor until 5 p.m. Monday, June 1, 1998. Please send bids to Maple Forest Township Supervisor, Mark Kniss at 7416 N. Sherman Road, Frederic, MI 49733. For additional information please call (517)348-6301 or (517)348-9801. Interested persons must be familiar with Equalizer Tax and Assessing Software package. Maple Forest Township Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to accept other than a low bid and to make decisions that will be in the best interest of Maple Forest Township.

Susan M. Keene
Maple Forest Township Clerk

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Robert A. Howden and Lisa R. Howden, his wife, of Grayling, Michigan, Mortgagors, to Capstone Mortgage Corp., of Royal Oak, Michigan, dated the 8th day of October, 1997, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 28th day of October, 1997, in Liber 440, of Crawford County Records, on pages 449-455, which said mortgage was thereafter assigned to Robert Handelman, PSP, POA, by assignment dated October 8, 1997, and recorded on March 20, 1998, in the office of the Register of Deeds for said county of Crawford, in Liber 449, of Crawford County Records, on page 464, and Notice of Acceleration having been duly given to said Mortgagors, on December 10, 1997. There is claimed to be due on said Mortgage as of April 17, 1998, principal and interest in the sum of Thirty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Eight and 08/100 Dollars (\$37,528.08), plus Fourteen and 33/100 Dollars (\$14.33) interest per day thereafter, from April 18, 1998.

No suit or proceedings at law or in equity has been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, Therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Thursday, the 4th day of June, 1998, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, Local Time, highest bidder, at the front lobby of the Court House, in Grayling, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held) of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage, including interest thereon at the rate of fifteen percent (15.00%) per annum, and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows:

All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in Crawford County, Michigan, described as follows:

Lot 3, Block 24 of Roffee's Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records.

c/k/s/ 704 Park, Grayling, MI 49738

Item # 070-200-024-003-00

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during the 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated at Farmington Hills, Michigan April 14, 1998

Robert Handelman PSP POA

Assignee of Mortgage

Lawrence M. Nedelean

Attorney for Assignee of Mortgage

30600 Northwestern Hwy., Ste. 200

Farmington Hills, MI 48334

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Subscriptions 348-6811

NOTICE CRAWFORD COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS BOARD POSITION

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners are presently accepting applications for a position on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Applicants are required to be county residents and requested to have a genuine interest in zoning for Crawford County and participate in the many decisions which take place at monthly meetings held every third Thursday at 7:00 P.M. Applications can be obtained and submitted to Sandra Moore no later than May 22, 1998 at the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738.

Sandra Moore
Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds

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PUBLIC NOTICE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HERBICIDE PROGRAM

The Michigan Department of Transportation hereby provides notice to the public, and property owners adjacent to state highways, of the 1998 Herbicide Application Program for roadside rights-of-way within Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Emmet, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle and Roscommon Counties.

All applications will take place between May 4, 1998 and October 31, 1998.

Locations

On state trunklines in the counties listed above.

Treatments will be made for control of (1) vegetation in front of guardrails, (2) noxious and broadleaf weeds in turf areas and, (3) vegetation growing through paved shoulders and (4) brush growing within the turf maintained portion of the shoulder. All applications will be ground or foliar applied by vehicular mounted fixed broom or hand gun equipment. The following herbicides will be tank mixed for each application.

Guardrail: Arsenal (Isopropylamine salt of Imazapyr) OR Roundup (Glyphosate) and Weedar 44 IVM (2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic Acid) or Banvel 720 (Dimethylamine salt of Dicamba and 2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic Acid).

Weed: Weedar 44 IVM (2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic Acid) and Telar (Chlorsulfuron) or Banvel 720 (Dimethylamine Salt of Dicamba and 2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic Acid)

Shoulder: Roundup (Glyphosate) and Weedar 44 IVM (2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic Acid)

Brush: Garlon 4 (triclopyr) or Arsenal (Isopropylamine salt of Imazapyr), and 2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic Acid.

A surfactant, Citry-Plus or Cide-Kick (100% D'Limonene), Valent X-77 (Alkylarylpolyoxyethylene, Free Fatty Acids, Glycols, and Isopropanol), or Nu-Film - IR (Poly-1-p-Menthene) will be used with all applications. A drift control agent, 41-A (Polyacrylamide and Polysaccharide), More (Polyvinyl Polymer), or Nalco-Trol (Polyvinyl Polymer), will also be used as needed in all spraying operations.

All applications will be made by certified applicators employed by the Michigan Department of Transportation. For further information contact:

Lee Sherwood, Regional Resource Specialist
Michigan Department of Transportation
3022 US 23 S
Alpena, Michigan 49707
Phone: (517) 356-2231

This notice is published per Regulation 637 Act 171, Public Acts of 1976, as amended.

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FACTS AND FEATURES

HOROSCOPES

For The Week Of May 17-23

ARIES

March 21-April 20

What's a good way to get out of your rut? Take a class! You can make some wonderful new friends if you give it a chance. An elderly relative you haven't seen in awhile could sure use a visit. Just a little time set aside could make both of you feel great.

TAURUS

April 21-May 21

This is a good week to spend time with your family. With your work schedule, you've been neglecting them. An old financial debt will be settled soon. Learn from your mistakes and save some money to keep you out of these situations in the future.

GEMINI

May 22-June 21

It's time to change your professional and personal life. Put your creativity to good use—it will be a big boost to your career and make your life more fun. While you're at it, donate some of your time to a worthy cause. A little time on your part could make a big difference.

CANCER

June 22-July 22

A chance encounter could lead to an unexpected opportunity. Take time away from thinking about work to concentrate on a personal relationship. But before things go too far, make plans for some quality time alone to give yourself time to think.

LEO

July 23-August 23

A family member could provide great words of wisdom concerning a situation at work. He/she has been in a similar situation before. Focus on the potential, not the obvious. It will mean a lot to someone at work, and that will win you lifetime respect.

VIRGO

August 24-September 22

Love may be in the air but be careful about going off the deep end. Don't take a joke too far at work; it could be held against you when you go for a promotion. Don't take a long-standing relationship for granted—put some effort into it.

LIBRA

September 23-October 23

Expect some much-needed emotional support from a friend you haven't seen for awhile. It couldn't have come at a better time! Go out of your way to thank him/her, and make sure you listen to the concerns, too. Get a fresh outlook on life with a day off.

SCORPIO

October 24-November 22

Open yourself up to a new challenge by getting a jump on clearing your desk early in the week. Your readiness will play very well throughout the workplace and with your supervisors. Stay levelheaded when dealing with a difficult family situation this week.

SAGITTARIUS

November 23-December 21

If you need support, don't be shy about asking for it from a friend. A problem is heading your way; the bonds of friendship may help you face it. Plan something fun and exciting for the weekend... a first step in putting the bad situation behind you.

CAPRICORN

December 22-January 20

Try to be more outgoing at social gatherings. Talking to others could open doors to business contacts and new friendships. You might meet someone who will end up being valuable to you career. An exciting project is coming! Clear your desk to make room for it.

AQUARIUS

January 21-February 18

What have you done with your family recently? If you can't remember, you're overdue to spend time with them. Don't bring work home this weekend. Instead, plan a family outing. Look into inexpensive weekend getaways that are close to home.

PISCES

February 19-March 20

With a milestone approaching, it might be a good time to sit back and take a look at where you are concerning your goals. If you aren't where you want to be, maybe it's time to make changes. Put your talents to the test and see where things lead.

For Entertainment Purposes Only

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

GRILLED STUFFED HAMBURGERS

(SERVES 20)

1/2 stick butter

1 lb. button mushrooms, cleaned & sliced

2 yellow onions, sliced

2 cloves garlic

2 T. fresh parsley, chopped

7 lbs. ground beef

1 lb. Swiss cheese grated

20 buns

Melt butter in large skillet and sauté mushrooms, onions, garlic and parsley until tender and slightly golden. Drain mixture.

Make patties by forming balls of one-third pound

ground beef. Use thumb to make deep indentations in balls and place one tablespoon mushroom mixture and one tablespoon cheese into each. Close the balls over stuffing and flatten into patties.

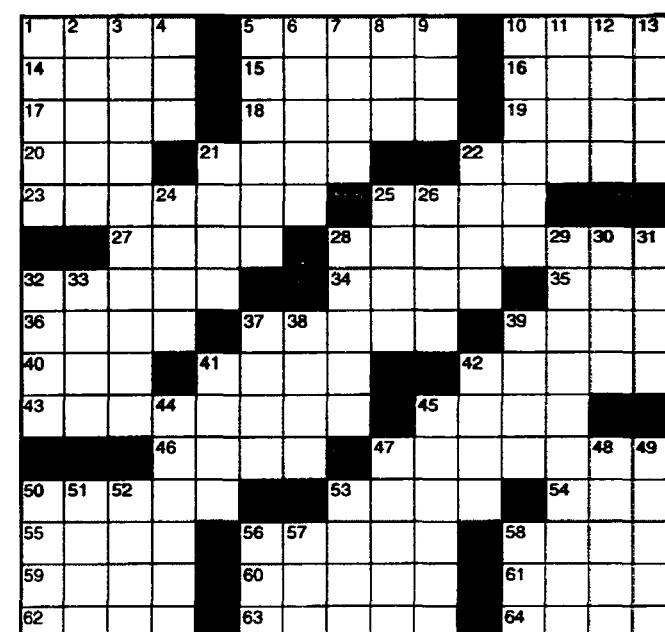
Place hamburgers in center of cooking grate. Turn once halfway through cooking time (10 to 12 minutes), until no longer pink. Serve with your favorite condiments.

Charcoal: Direct
Gas: Indirect/Medium Heat



HOME NEEDED - This English pointer is approximately 4 years old. He is housebroken. Nice dog. To adopt any of the pets available, stop by or give the Animal Shelter of Crawford County a call at 348-4117.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1. Weaken
- 5. Hayseed's toothpick
- 10. Like a bee
- 14. Ripens
- 15. Wear away gradually
- 16. "Diana" singer
- 17. Chocolate unit
- 18. Turnip-truck passengers
- 19. Hold in check
- 20. Yale student
- 21. "____ Julie" (Strindberg)
- 22. Chinese dogs
- 23. Nth and third
- 25. Red gin
- 27. Edible kernels
- 28. Bilked
- 32. Bank deals
- 34. Andersen product
- 35. Poem of praise
- 36. City dwellings: abbr.
- 37. Bias
- 39. Playwright William
- 40. Backstage prompt
- 41. Active one
- 42. Urged (on)
- 43. Lamb, e.g.
- 45. Clip clop creator
- 46. Ott and Blanc
- 47. Joshs
- 50. "Concentration" gimmick
- 53. Collars
- 54. Parcel
- 55. Affirmative votes
- 56. Guilt clearer
- 58. Korbut of gymnastics
- 59. _____ and easy
- 60. Goodbye, Mr. Chips actor
- 61. "Thing" word
- 62. Nurture
- 63. Those in the red
- 64. Impresses greatly
- 65. Rhythmic swing
- 66. Game board space
- 67. Voices Of The Night author
- 68. "Borrowing dulls the _____ of husbandry" (Polaris)
- 69. Action
- 70. "Chantilly" _____
- 71. Musical work
- 72. Potting need
- 73. Take away
- 74. "____ You Babe" (2 wds.)
- 75. Salon substances
- 76. Long times
- 77. Was a successful jester
- 78. Mores
- 79. Queen Celeste's husband
- 80. Scoundrel
- 81. Musical and Kenton George
- 82. Governess of fiction
- 83. "It's _____ A Long, Long Time"
- 84. What a stitch in time saves
- 85. Activity
- 86. Dejected
- 87. _____ dare (2 wds.)

DOWN

- 1. Counterfeited
- 2. Limber
- 3. Names
- 4. 19th letter
- 5. Progression
- 6. Tie, Houdini-style
- 7. Plunder
- 8. Lemon drink
- 9. Montgomery of jazz
- 10. Cloistered
- 11. Golden Rule preposition
- 12. Depict unfairly
- 13. Starchy staples of Africa
- 21. '69 miracle team
- 22. Sign of road work
- 24. Participates in a race
- 25. Graceful avian

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 YEARS AGO

May 8, 1975

Debbie Johnston, Jackie Kaiser and Michelle Lee were selected to attend the 35th American Legion Auxiliary Girls State conference.

Mrs. Corrine Smith; Mrs. Aggie Trudeon and Mrs. Gwen Johnson received five year awards for five years of service to the Crawford County Chapter of the American Cancer Society.

A daughter, Kelly Sue, was born to Mr. and Mrs. David St. Denis of Roscommon on May 2nd. She weighed 6 lbs. and 15 ozs.

Thirty two students, junior members of St. Mary's Church will receive Holy Eucharist for the first time on Sunday, May 11th.

Mrs. Knibbs second grade recently visited the National Weather Service Bureau in Roscommon County.

Winners of the Water Safety Poster Contest were: Steve Johnson, Russ Stoddard, Shelley Kammer, Dave Lindsay and Tim Ruddy; each winning a fist place prize of five dollars.

Black and White specials: Chey-boy-ar-dee Pizza mixes, 79¢; Pepsi-Cola 8 pk.-12 oz. cans, \$1.85; Ruby Red Russet Grapefruit, 5 for 49¢.

FOR SALE — 3 bedroom home with full heated basement in beautiful subdivision, one mile from town. Tall pines with river nearby. Paved road with lots of open land around. Large sundeck, used as 2-car carport, 3 years old. Farm Home approved with natural gas and 12" of insulation in the ceiling, only \$24,500.

MOREL SPÉCIALS - 3 bedroom home, large lot, Lake Margrethe access, \$18,000, terms.

46 YEARS AGO

May 8, 1952

Congratulations are in order for Elizabeth Matson, daughter of Mrs. Efner Matson, as she has been promoted to a full professor. This is the very tops in the teaching profession and a rank that very few women attain. "Libby" is an instructor in the College of the Pacific at Stockton, Calif.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Lowe on April 29th.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Halstead are happy over the arrival of a son May 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Harwood announce the birth of a son on May 3.

Joan Simpson is a new employee at the Union Telephone Office in Roscommon.

Bruce Nielsen has returned home from Carson, Colo. having received his discharge from the army after four years service.

Miss Ann Marie Stancil was hostess to a group of her friends Saturday at a welcome home party for Miss Nancy Wilcox who returned home from Florida last week.

Mrs. F.J. McClain is now driving a car of her own.

69 YEARS AGO

May 9, 1929

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Randolph, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Zeibell, Mr. and Mrs. William Gildner and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gildner visited the John Yuill family of Vanderbilt.

Grayling High's winning baseball team plays St. Joseph's of West Branch Friday afternoon.

Miss Engeborg Hanson has resigned her position as book-keeper at Sorenson Brothers furniture store and joined the office force of the Grayling Box Company as a

stenographer.

To compliment Mrs. LaVere Cushman, Mrs. Emil Giegling entertained with a charming shower and bridge party Thursday afternoon at her home.

The Rialto Theatre is advertising: Ramon Navarro, in "The Pagan"; Dolores Costello and Conrad Nagel in "Glorious Betsy"; Richard Barthelmew in "Weary River."

92 YEARS AGO

May 10, 1906

A dispatch received from Jackson from N. Michelson says: "Robert Godfrey just arrived. All well." Which means more good fortune for Mr. and Mrs. E. Hartwick.

The excavation for the basement of the new bank building is completed and the walls are going up.

T.E. Douglas has planted about 500 trees for an orchard on his land near Lovells. The trees were selected by Prof. Charles Greening of Monroe, a noted horticulturist. He has inspected the site and soil and said that it should make a great apple orchard.

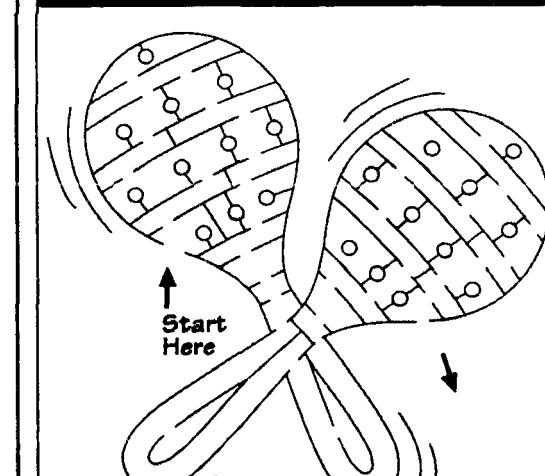
William Powell is building a modern and commodious cottage at Lake Portage and will be joined by his family when the building is completed.

Tuesday evening a company of 30 young people gathered at the Opera House for a social dance given in honor of Elizabeth Salling. The music by Prof. E.G. Clark and Gladys Hadley was enjoyed by all.

The first week of fishing was much too cold for comfort. Six inches of snow fell in Waters Sunday and about three here on Tuesday.

Hal Davis and wife have arrived at Portage Lake for the season, bringing their 25 foot Naptha launch. They will build a boat house on their property this season.

MAZE



SEEK AND FIND

FIND THESE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE BELOW.

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THE WORDS READ UP, DOWN AND ACROSS.

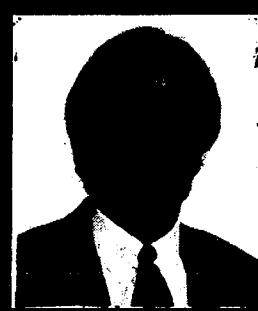
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Courtesy of the City of Grayling

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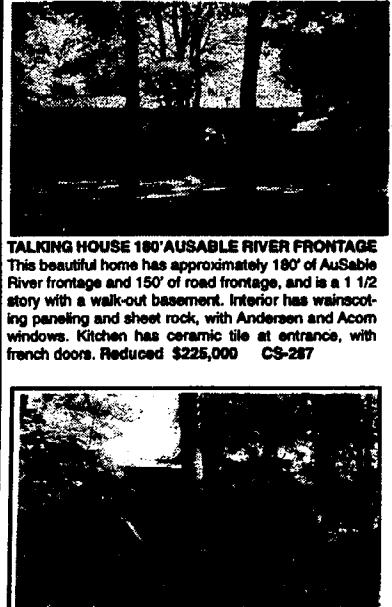
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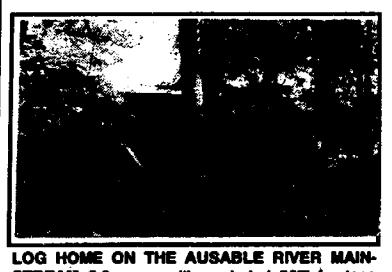
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LOG HOME ON THE AUSSABLE RIVER MAIN-STREAM 2.8 acres with secluded 267' frontage 2,285 sq. ft. with vaulted beamed ceilings, master bedroom suite with Jacuzzi & steam bath, marble & pine flooring, split-stone fireplace, brick foyer, custom lighting, swimming pool, hot tub, satellite shut-off board, sprinkling system, brick BBQ, central AC. Many other extras. Looking for that unique property. CH-411



QUITE, YOUNG, CONVENIENT NEIGHBORHOOD Three bedrooms, one bath offers 1,080 sq. ft. Walk-out patio door off dining room. Large picture window and free-standing fireplace in living room. Appliances include stove, refrigerator and dishwasher. Two-car attached garage. Conveniently located close to schools, town, and recreational activities. \$46,500 CS-682



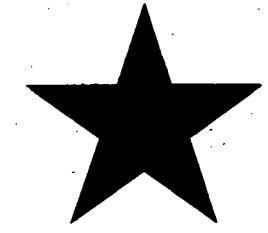
3.6 WOODED ACRES CLOSE TO WAKELEY LAKE Half log siding, Ponderosa pine interior, new carpets, screen porch, garage, fireplace, storage building/bunk house. Home is spotless, immediate occupancy. \$42,500 CH-735



PRIVATE LAKE ACCESS TO LAKE MARGRETHE! Convenience, Privacy, Recreational facilities just steps away. 3 bedroom, 1 bath offers 984 sq. ft., natural gas heat, brick fireplace with insert, cable TV and hardwood floors in living room and 2 bedroom. Great location and close to town. \$69,000 CS-730



10 WOODED ACRES ADJOINING STATE LAND 1,800 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, cathedral ceilings w/loft, sliding door wall onto rear deck, brick fireplace in family room, 2-car garage with drive thru doors. Trails throughout property. Beautiful mature tree cover. Reduced \$75,000 CH-627



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Valuation Specialist
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CUSTOM BUILT HOME WITH PRIVATE SETTING ON 2.1 acres, 1 mile from town on a County Road. 2,200 sq. ft. of living area with 4 bedrooms, 2 baths. Vaulted ceiling in family room. Master bedroom suite, knotty pine accent, covered porch, oversized heated garage with 200 electric and storage building. Price includes knotty pine T&G ceilings in 2 bedroom downstairs MUST SEE! \$109,000 Reduced CH-833



RANCH STYLE HOME NESTLED AMONGST VIRGIN PINES on approx. 1 acre +/- Features include 917 sq. ft. LP forced air heat, 2 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, wood stove in living room, walkout patio door off dining area onto deck. Appliances include stove refrigerator, dishwasher, garbage disposal and washer/dryer. Brick to drive, 2-car attached garage. New plumbing, electric & furnace, roof 4 years old. 1000's of acres of Federal land with Wakeley Lake across road. AuSable River 1/2 mile. \$34,000 Reduced CS-623



JUST FINISHED Enjoy this brand new home. 3755 Whiterock Lane. 1,680 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, master bedroom suite, formal dining, french doors, appliances, central air conditioning, satellite system, deck, attached garage. But wait, a 30x50 insulated/heated out-building, second well, two 12x12 overhead doors. All this on 2.6 acres, sodded yard, landscaped. Call for more details. CH-365



CHARM, DIGNITY AND CHARACTER... Best describes this chalet close to Lake Margrethe. Features include: 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, 1,152 sq. ft., kitchen features oak & almond cabinets with lazy susan and breakfast bar. Sun porch Andersen windows, appliances include washer, dryer, stove and refrigerator. \$63,900 CS-720



4615 N. DOWN RIVER ROAD Clean 2 bedroom home on 1 acre just outside city limits. 1,016 sq. ft. living area, 10x14 deck, 24x24' garage, concrete apron, ideal starter or retirement home located close to Grayling's Amenities. Just Listed at \$49,500 CH-738



OPEN FLOOR PLAN DRAMATIZES VERSATILE INTERIOR! Three bedrooms, two baths, natural gas heat, city water and sewer. Family room, living room, dining area & kitchen offers open floor plan. Cathedral ceilings, 5.5x4 dry bar off living room. French doors out to back yard. Master suite offers large walk-in closet, bath with garden tub & separate shower. Dining room offers built in hutch. Cable TV. Double lot in the city with 2 car garage. \$67,000 CS-734

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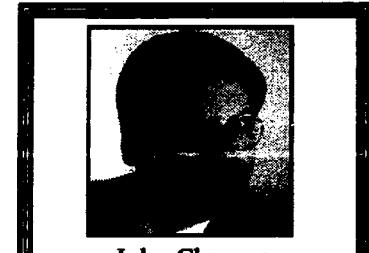
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John Cherven
RE/MAX
Sales Associate

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1. Real Estate

FAIRMONT KINGSLEY TOWNHOUSE TRAILER 1987, 14 x 70, two car garage, cement drive, covered deck, \$40,000. Grayling Mobile Estates. 517-821-6579. (7-14/1)

FOR SALE BY OWNER four bedroom, two bath, 2,200 square foot brick home on river, two miles from Grayling. \$160,000. 3863 Juniper Way. 348-2928. (5/14/98tf/1)



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1. Real Estate

AUSABLE COUNTRY ACRES
Large wooded lots, a log home association development. Park, cable, underground utilities, near AuSable River and Kneff Lake. Land contract terms by owner. Contact 517-348-7355. Grayling. (12/29/97tf/1)

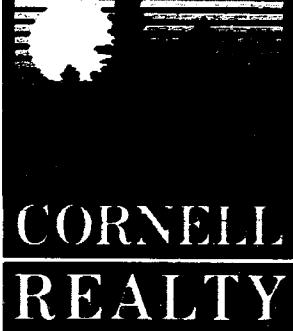
JUST COMPLETED THREE BEDROOM 1 1/2 bath, two car garage, natural gas heat, two miles from Grayling. \$85,000. 333 Redwing Terrace. Call 348-2928 or 348-8945. (10/23/97tf/1)

AUSABLE RIVER home on Wendy Lane. Lovely four bedroom, 1 1/2 baths. Chalet, fireplace, attached 1 1/2 car garage, furnished. Beautiful setting on 10 acres with 175 ft. frontage. Owner very anxious. Reduced to \$139,000. Call Hamrick Real Estate Co. P.C. Phone or fax, 517-348-5433, evenings 348-8336. (5/14/98tf/1)

PRICED REDUCED. \$39,500. two bedroom, one bath, vacant, 300 Huron St. (one block from Cornell Insurance on M-72 East), was \$44,500. 348-4055. (11/13/97tf/1)

HUNTING CAMP 10-80 acres w/cabins, can divide. Surrounded by state land. \$14,000-\$112,000. N. Grayling, MI. Financing possible. 616-947-1990. (11/20/97tf/1)

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UNIQUE HOME on a large wooded lot 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 24x26 garage, woodburner. Includes stove & refrigerator. Enclosed 14x32 pool. \$129,900 (LM-968)



2 1/2 WOODED ACRES near Higgins Lake and state land is the location of this 3 bedrooms mobile with a large deck, fireplace and storage shed. Owner financing at \$35,000 or \$33,000 cash (WMP-84)



LARGE FOUR BEDROOM city home has possible 2nd floor apartment. Hardwood floors, 30x24 & 18x20 garages, half basement, energy efficient, 1.95 sq. ft. Some appliances included. \$79,900 (WMP-84)



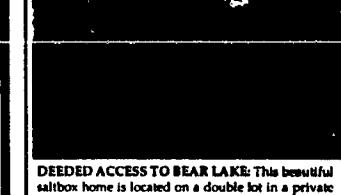
NEW CAPE COD, log home on 2.5 acres in "Harrick's Hidden Ridge". 2,256 sq. ft., 4 bedrooms, sunroom, master bath with whirlpool tub, Hurd windows. Delta faucets, 24x24 attached garage, call for all the extras. This home is truly a northern dream! \$164,000 (JWMP-86)



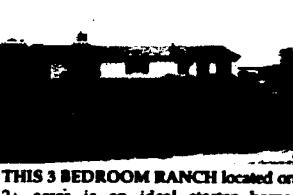
LIKE-NEW HOME with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1,344 sq. ft., 30x40 pole barn garage w/110 & 220 electric. Fenced-in garden area with fruit trees and more, on 4.5 acres. \$69,900 (DL-118)



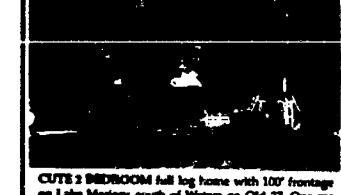
WELL MAINTAINED 14x70 mobile will make an ideal recreational retreat or full-time residence. This home is located in a nice neighborhood and is situated directly across from Houghton Lake. \$48,900 (KJL-59)



DEEDED ACCESS TO BEAR LAKE: This beautiful sailboat home is located on a double lot in a private setting. Features include 1 1/2 car garages, open floor plan, opportunity to tear down and start over out of the 10 block crawl. Ideal full-time home or retreat. Enjoy the lake without paying the lakefront taxes. \$76,000 (KJL-61)



THIS 3 BEDROOM RANCH located on 2+ acres is an ideal starter home. Features include fenced back yard, 24x28 garage, and large deck for those nice summer evenings. \$52,500 (KJL-60)



CUTE 2 BEDROOM full log home with 10' frontage on Lake Mecray, south of Waters on Old 22. One-car garage with ample storage. Guest house with kitchen and bath. Home has natural gas fireplace, recently remodeled bath and kitchen. Excellent hunting area with state land outside the home. Includes appliances \$115,000 (SC-22)



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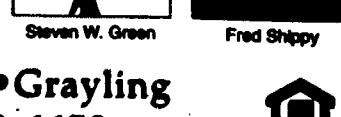
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1. Real Estate

451' OF FRONTAGE on the Manistee River. Enjoy nearly four acres of privacy. This home features over 2,600 square feet of living space, a 12 X 12 screened deck which overlooks the river, highlights this unique living opportunity. Call Mike Pung at Coldwell Banker Star Real Estate for an appt. 517-821-8585, 517-348-2835, 517-253-0818. MLS #8-2486. (-7-14-21-28/1)

FOR SALE BY OWNER Lake Margrethe home on 105 ft. frontage. Please call 517-348-7444. (5/14/98tf/1)

BY OWNER: five bedroom, 2 1/2 baths, large master with walk-in closet, great room/fireplace, family room, den, basement, garage, double lot. \$109,900. Call 344-9042. (-7-14/1)

AUSABLE RIVER PROPERTY Vacant building sites in prime fishing areas near McMasters Bridge. All-year easy access. Electricity, telephone. Easy terms. Hal, Broker (any time) 517-348-5965. (4/16/98tf/1)

RELOCATING
Nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch approx. 1350 sq. ft. 2 1/2 car garage attached. Propane & wood heat on 2 1/2 acres close to river and lakes and a short ride to snowmobile trails. Reduced from \$67,500 to \$62,900. 517-348-2578
MUST SELL

1. Real Estate

HOUSE FOR SALE GRAYLING Three bedroom, two car garage, large lot, close to town, \$54,900. Cash or terms. Northwood Land Co., 1-517-732-6152. (-23-30-7-14/1)

STORE FOR LEASE in Gaylord. Best location on Main Street with parking. Very reasonable rent, great exposure. 840 sq. ft. and/or 1,600 sq. ft. Call 517-732-3457. (-7-14-21/2)

2. For Rent

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MAKE ARBOR COURT APARTMENTS your new home. Large two bedroom apartments. Maximum income level of \$17,040, rent is based on income for two person household. A barrier free unit is also available. Call Michelle at 517-348-6399 for more information. Equal Housing Opportunity. Professionally managed by Kathy Richards, Inc. and financed by Rural Development (021502010) (3/19/98tf/2)

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COBBLE CREEK I APARTMENTS, a family community, is now accepting applications for our spacious 1-2-3 bedroom apartments and barrier free units. Rent is based on income. For additional information or application please call 348-3150 or for hearing impaired call 1-800-760-1997. Equal Housing Opportunity. Lansing Management Company. (LR6/25/98/2)

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FOR RENT two bedroom cabin, no pets. \$325 a month, first and last months rent. You pay utilities. Call 348-5160. (-14/2)

FOR RENT clean three bedroom home, close to town, no pets. \$595 per month. Call Connie at 348-5474 or in the evenings. 348-6573. (-14/2)

FOR RENT one bedroom apt., utilities furnished, \$335 plus security. 348-6185 before 4:00. (-14-21/2)

FOR RENT weekly or monthly, near Lake Margrethe. Two bedroom cottage, partially furnished. Call 348-8219. (-14-21-28-4/2)

FOR RENT one bedroom duplex apartment in Roscommon. \$300 per month plus deposit. Call 517-275-5225. (4/30/98tf/2)

THE GRAYLING HOUSING COMMISSION is taking applications for newly remodeled family three-bedroom apartments. Rent is based on 30% gross income. Utilities are included in the rent.

Qualifications

(517) 348-9314

Rent Range:



Family of 2: \$107 - \$555 Maximum income \$22,700

Family of 3: \$125 - \$615 Maximum income \$25,550

Family of 4: \$150 - \$674 Maximum income \$28,400

11/6/97tf/2

3. Employment

NIGHT/WEEKEND ON-CALL

Advocate: Immediate, on-call position. Preforms a variety of duties to ensure that emotional and physical needs of clients are met. Answers crisis-line and completes initial contacts. Conducts in-takes of residents and their children. Minimum qualifications include: high school diploma or equivalent

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CABIN FOR RENT: on the river. Nightly or weekly. 517-348-8350. (9/9/97tf/2)

THREE BEDROOM, two bath, new, home at Lake Margrethe. Non-smoking only. No pets. \$600 per month plus utilities, references and security deposits. 348-8627. (4/9/98tf/2)

LOG CABIN two bedrooms, fully furnished, cable and phone accessible. \$500 a month plus security. Single or couple. 348-2353. (-7-14/2)

3. Employment

ARE YOU LOOKING for a rewarding job? Consider a Career in Human Services. North Central Community Mental Health is looking for people to care for adults with developmental disabilities in a group home in Grayling. Must be available to work part time, all shifts, including weekends and holidays. Starting wage is \$6.65/hr. Increase to \$7.32/hr, once paid training is successfully completed, with some benefits, including overtime and holiday pay. Potential for promotion to full-time. Applicants must have proof of high school diploma/equivalent, reliable transportation and a working home telephone. Must pass physical requirements and have acceptable driving and criminal record checks. To apply, call Beth, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 348-2461. E.O.E. (-7-14/3)

INSTALLER/ELECTRICIAN Northern Michigan manufacturing company seeking individual with background in automotive electronics, A.C. and D.C. applications, fabrications and mechanical ability helpful. Company offers a complete benefits package. Mail resume and salary requirements to: Human Resources, 2332 Dupont St., Grayling, MI 49738. (-7-14/3)

ARE YOU A HEALTH care aide looking for summer work? Do you want flexible scheduling and hours? Join the Munson Home Health team, caring for clients in your community. All applications will be kept on file until a case opens near your home!

BIG BUCK BREWERY has openings for wait staff, line cooks, greeters, dish washers and server assistants. Flexible hours, excellent pay. Apply in person in Gaylord, Thursday's from 2-4 p.m. (5/7/98tf/3)

AVON

S8-S20/hr, no door-to-door, easy cash, fun. 1-800-361-0466 ind/sls/rep. (-14/3)

WANTED HANDYMAN - FULL TIME Sober, honest, young man, for the summer. Phone 517-348-5236/734-663-1580. 20 miles east of Grayling on the river. (-14/3)

PART-TIME FRONT DESK clerk needed. Must be able to work nights, weekends and holidays. Applicant should be personable with a neat/clean appearance. Position could turn into full-time in Fall. Apply at Hospital House Motel front desk. 1232 N. I-75 Business Loop, Grayling. No phone calls please. (-23-30-7-14/3)

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3. Employment

WANTED: Nations largest Plat and Directory company is looking for persons to update rural township directory maps for Crawford county. Must have a valid drivers license and be familiar with the rural area of Crawford county. If interested, contact Pam with FHP at 1-800-685-7432. (-30-7-14/3)

3. Employment

HILLTOP MANOR Health Care Center has a position open for a recreational therapist. This person must be certified and a team player. Experience in a nursing home setting preferred but not required. Please inquire within. 1290 East Michigan Hwy., Roscommon, MI 48653. (-7-14/3)

3. Employment

WANTED CARPENTERS, or men who would like to learn the carpenter trade. Long term employment, chance for advancement, benefits. Call Sheridan Valley Homes Inc., 517-786-2355 or fax, 517-786-3134. (Lewiston area). (-30-7-14/3)

WANTED AN EXPERIENCED finish carpenter, carpenters helpers. Call 344-9076, between the hours of 8-4 and ask for Harold. (-14-21/3)

NOW HIRING all shifts, CENA's, full and part-time positions available. Come in or call Jennifer Baxendale, R.N., D.O.N., Meadows of Grayling, 517-348-2801. E.O.E. (-7-14/3)

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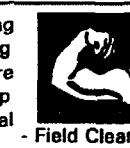
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517-348-4329

4. Services Offered

DISH NETWORK 18" dish, \$199 + 40 channels for \$19.99 per month. Installation available. Northern Electronics 517-348-6944. (6/19/97tf/4)

SEWING, SEWING, SEWING Bridal to zippers, tailoring to mending. Call Shirley, 348-1348. (5/18/96tf/4)

I CHARGE BY the job not by the hour. Yard work, raking, mowing, etc. 348-5081. (-14/4)

KIRBY SUPPLIES & SERVICE Harry's Vac & Sew, servicing vacuums, sewing machines and lamps. 517-732-6517. (-23-30-7-14/4)

8.9 CENTS/MIN. LONG DISTANCE! No hidden charges, no gimmicks! Residential and business! Distributorships available. For information, call Tim @ 517-348-3164. (-23-30-7-14/4)

DALE'S PRESSURE WASH Houses, mobile homes, sheds, store fronts, driveways, etc. Roof moss removal. Raking, removal of leaves. Specializing in deck stripping and sealing, also painting. 517-821-5310 or 1-800-683-1633, PIN #6267. (LR6/25/98/4)

4. Services Offered

SPRING CAR CARE NEEDS? Stop by newly remodeled Diane's Car Wash, where you'll find drive-thru service. All new equipment in the self-serve, interior cleaning machine and fragrance sprayer. Located corner of M-72 West and Norway, Grayling. (-7-14/4)

EXPERIENCED COMPANION/MOTHER'S HELPER Local, part-time for summer. 348-9234, Cynthia. (-7-14/4)

CHILD CARE in town. Day, evening and weekend hours available. 348-6766. DF200027886. (-14/4)

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Full-time openings are now available at Mercy Child Care Center for 3, 4 and 5-year-olds. Call for summer rates and the 10-week summer program today: 348-0354

GRAYLING MERCY CHILD CARE CENTER
Affiliated with the Mercy Health Services North Community Healthcare System

5. For Sale

FOR SALE Coleman tent camper, sleeps five, good condition. 348-8512. (-14-21-28/5)

CONN KEYBOARD Piano /organi combo, 348-3005. \$400 or best offer. (-14-21-28/4-5)

USED INDUSTRIAL UNIFORMS: Pants, shirts, \$2. Also big sizes and better. Coveralls, jackets, gloves, women's work pants. Entrance mats. Will UPS. Send stamp for listing: 819 Mount Hope, Grayling, MI 48818. 517-235-6566. (-14/5)

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PIANO TUNING AND REPAIRS Rogers Piano Service, Fairview, MI 48621. Over 20 years experience. (517) 848-2262. (3/19/91tf/4)

THE KID'S CLUB Were your kids bored last summer at the day care center? Why not send them to The Kid's Club. This program is designed for children six years and up. Two field trips a week and other activities included. Meals and snacks provided. Space is limited, so call Cheryl now at 348-3982. In town licensed child care. (-7-14/4)

DAY CARE preschool activities, healthy meals, lots of experience, college educated. Call Joell 348-6389. (-14-21/4)

5. For Sale

ENJOY FRIDAY NIGHT fish fry at Spike's Keg O' Nails all summer long. Come early starting at 4 p.m., serving until 10 p.m. (5/14/98tf/5)

NOW TAKING ORDERS for utility trailers. 4 Mile Welding. 348-2613. (4/23/98tf/5)

1992 MALLARD 28' Fifth Wheel with hitch, self contained. Excellent condition, \$12,000. 517-348-7244. (-14/5)

FOR SALE Jayco 1996, 312 FKS travel trailer, many extras, \$14,500. 517-348-8104. (-14/5)

ELECTRIC LIFT CHAIR \$100, electric hospital bed, and trapeze \$250, two wheel chairs \$100 and \$50, hospital feeding table \$25. 517-821-6579. (-14/5)

486 COMPUTER: 3 1/2 and 5 1/4 disk drives, CD Rom, two hard drives, color monitor, keyboard and mouse. Exc. cond. Asking \$500. Call 348-6377 after 6 p.m. (-7-14/5)

FOR SALE 4 WINNS 17 foot I/O, 185 hp, power steering, w/trailer, hoist and garage stored. Excellent condition, \$5,000. 348-8777. (-7-14-21-28/5)

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5. For Sale

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BOAT-14'2" AEROCRAFT, fiberglass, motor, 30 hp. and trailer, \$500. 348-3927. (-14/21/5)

25 FT. CREST PONTOON and trailer. Tandem wheels with 50 horse Evinrude motor. 348-4235. \$2,200 or best offer. 511 Michigan Ave. Grayling. MI. (-14/21/5)

12' X 55' house trailer frame, \$150. 348-4328. (-14/5)

FULL SIZE THOMAS ORGAN w/instrument sounds, music books, bench, \$250. 348-9101. (-14/5)

14' MIRRORCRAFT BOAT with new 1997 6 hp. Evinrude motor, less than 15 hrs., still in warranty, with two year old trailer. Asking \$1,950. Call 517-348-7966. (-14/5)

FOR SALE: older, working refrigerator, painted black. Older, sturdy couch, \$20 each. Call 348-8037 after 4:00. (-14/5)

1995 COLEMAN POP-UP sleeps six, indoor/outdoor stoves, three way frig, awning, screen room, spare tire, furnace, \$3,800. 348-5846. (-14/21-28/5)

LOVE SEAT in perfect condition, \$20. Call Kate at 348-1143. (-14/5)

FOR SALE 1996 VIKING pop-up. Sleeps six, furnace, ice box, awning, \$3,500. O.B.O. 517-275-4040. (-14/5)

6. Wanted

WANTED NICE LOT or acreage for home site. Call Pat at 348-1782. (5/7/98tf/6)

8. Announcements

Introducing:

Jack Pilon
for SCHOOL BOARD

- Currently on school board as appointee
- Lived in Grayling since 1986
- Three children still in Crawford-Ausable Schools (one graduated last year)
- Serves as a middle and high school forensics judge
- Graduated from Michigan Technological University
- Works as a forester for the state of Michigan
- Serves on Northeast Michigan Development Council
- Served ten years on St. Marys pastoral and finance councils
- Active in Knights of Columbus

8. Announcements

ANN ARBOR ANTIQUES MARKET

The Brusher Show, Sunday only, 6 a.m. to 4 p.m., May 17. 5055 Ann Arbor Saline Road, exit# 175, off I-94 then south three miles. Over 350 dealers in quality antiques and vintage collectibles all under cover. Admission \$5. "30th Anniversary Year 1968-1998", the original II. (-14/8)

ENJOY FRIDAY NIGHT fish fry at Spike's Keg O' Nails all summer long. Come early starting at 4 p.m., serving until 10 p.m. (5/14/98tf/8)

NEWS
SAY-8-878

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Workforce Development Board of Northeast Michigan Consortium has prepared the final Title IIA plan for program year 1998.

The following is a summary of the planned activities for the target groups that are eligible under the Job Training Partnership Act:

Total IIA program funds planned for PY98: \$537,988

Direct Training	\$359,587
Training/Related	\$215,752

A copy of the Plan is available at Northeast Michigan Consortium, P.O. Box 711, Onaway, Michigan 49765. Please address questions or comments to Terry L. Basel, Program Coordinator. An equal opportunity program/employer. Auxiliary aids, services and alternative format will be made available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Michigan Relay Center 1(800) 649-3777 (voice & TDD).

-14/8

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Workforce Development Board of Northeast Michigan Consortium has prepared the final Title IIC plan for program year 1998.

The following is a summary of the planned activities for the target groups that are eligible under the Job Training Partnership Act:

Total IIC program funds planned for PY98: \$420,687

1. Direct Training Activities: Basic Skills, Vocational and Occupational Skills Training, Case Management, Job Specific Internships	\$210,344
2. Training Related/Support Services: Support Services for program participants, transportation, staff assistants, day care	\$126,206

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7. Miscellaneous

WANTED 40-80 ACRES deer hunting. Crawford/Kalkaska counties. 810-468-6095. (-23-30-7-14-21-28/7)

SPRING CAR CARE NEEDS? Stop by newly remodeled Diane's Car Wash, where you'll find drive-thru service. All new equipment in the self-serve, interior cleaning machine and fragrance sprayer. Located corner of M-72 West and Norway, Grayling. (-7-14/7)

LOST: Gold cross, reward. Call Pat at 348-1782. (5/7/98tf/7)

OLD ORIENTAL RUGS WANTED Any size or condition. 1-800-443-7740. (-14-21-28-4-11/7)

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8. Announcements

FREE CASH GRANTS! College Scholarships. Business. Medical bills. Never repay. Toll free 1-800-218-9000 ext. G-8887. (-14-21-28-4/8)

WELCOME WAGON HOST-ESSES Call Betty Mansfield, 348-8562, or Mary Lou Passmore, 348-5816, if you are a newcomer, engaged or a new mother. (8/3-85tf/8)

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THE FRAMERY II Uptown Grayling. Look what's new! We carry ready-made frames, frames with multi-mat openings, wedding frames with embossed mats, school picture mats, baby mats, etc. (-14/8)

WOMEN TO TALK WITH you live! Unforgettable conversations! Call this exclusive hot line!! 1-900-388-0800, ext. 6218. \$3.99 per minute, must be 18 years. Serve-U, 619-645-8434. (-14/8)

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All Pet Owners Welcome

Saturday, May 16, 1998 - Noon - 5 pm
Beaver Creek Township Recreation Area Park
8888 S. Grayling Rd., Grayling
(Just north of W. 7 Mile Rd. & Fire Dept.)

517-275-8878

ATTENTION ALL OUTDOOR
SPORTS ENTHUSIASTSMAY 23, 24 & 25
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Estate Auction - Grayling Michigan

Home on River - Property & Contents.
Estate of William J. & Barbara E. Henderson

Saturday, May 16th - 10 am

Location: Take I-75 Expressway to Grayling exit (south end) proceed thru town, from 3rd stoplight continue north 5/10 mile to N. Down River Rd., then east 1.3 miles to Juniper Way. (Dirt forks right), go 5/10 mile to Auction site. *Note - Please park right side only. Thanks.

Property Description: 250 ft. river frontage on AuSable River (mainstream), 2 large lots, beauiful 3 bedroom Chalet w/balcony and deck w/hot tub, 1 1/2 bath, hot water gas heat, 2 sided fireplace, well maintained, three car garage w/upstairs 960 square feet, heated workshop 480 sq. ft. and single door storage garage, new seawall. Must See! Terms - Minimum starting bid \$185,000.00, \$15,000.00 cashiers check deposit day of auction, non-refundable, to be paid in full and closed within 30 days. Inspection and viewing of property, evenings by appointment. Call (517) 348-2284 or (517) 348-7724. Great retirement property, good fishing, wildlife in backyard. You'll fall in love!

Antiques & Collectibles: Early wicker arm chair, Oak Armoire, buttermilk Victorian lamp table, large stacked chair on legs w/drawer (Mahogany), small Cedar wardrobe, primitive chairs and rocker w/woven seat, pr. Mahogany end tables, small country 2 drawer hutch w/legs, country 3 drawer drop front desk. Oak plant stand with fancy base, foot stool with iron legs, wood chest, fancy picture frames, over 50 pieces. Ruby glass - large & small plates - cups & saucers and more, large pink Jack in Pulpit vase, old pattern glass, 2 paper weights, amber rabbit, pr. Alabaster parrot bookends, sterling S&P's, nice cut glass bowl, large knowles H.P. pitcher, green footed pattern bowl, few S&P's, old flat iron, wood pulley, 2 tea pots, knick knacks and figurines, oil painting w/ winter scene, doll bed, Oak doll cradle, costume jewelry, 3 quantity fur coats, wood arm office chair, 3 1/2 x 2" display case-wall mount. Bear Recurve bow-1953 Kodak special, top to Solid Oak round table, wood block plane, Musical Instruments: Vogie Harmony Guitar, Early Banjo good shape-needs strings, large Postoria pedestal cake dish, service for 6 German Haviland China dishes and much more.

Special Collectable - Snow Babies: Large old man winter, large igloo, over 20 porcelain, over 20 pewter, snow baby sign, skaters, star gathars, dream catchers and more. Also, lighted Curio forest green - nice.

Crafts & Supplies: Dolls and teddy bears galore and hundreds of craft supplies of all kinds. Large Assortment (sold 10 a.m.) 2 manikins. If you do crafts, you'll want to be there!

Wedding Dress: Beautiful, size 14 sequin dress w/train. \$800 new, worn 20 minutes.

Ladies Clothes: Many quality brand name ladies medium clothing, some new.

Household Furniture & Misc.: Full size Hide-a-bed w/matching love seat and arm chair (blue w/speck), bassett 2 piece Maple hutch, Super mobile furniture dark pine 4 piece bed set includes 4 post bed, large lighted dresser w/mirror, chest and night stand. Maple arm chair, Lowery 2 tier electric organ, upholstered arm rocker, 4 vinyl swivel arm chairs and Maple drop leaf kitchen table, white wood country table w/tilt top w/4 white chairs, sharp 1/2 pint carousel microwave, Necch portable sewing machine, Singer sewing machine in Maple desk cabinet. Tefal 19" color T.V., dark pine table floor lamp, Christmas decorations, wall decorations, pictures, bedroom lamps, sm. chest freezer, bookshelves, milk can, yard ornaments, 2 large wood windmills, yard chairs, Sears Kenmore trash compactor, elec. fans and much more.

Garage: Gas charcoal grill, aluminum ladder, yard tools, snowmobile suits, 2 metal shop tables (nice craft tables), elec. hot water heater, Scott pull behind seeder. Bonita country skis and boots, Cyclone seed spreader, Southbend fly rod, boat seat, Parker lawn sweeper, fiberglass snowmobile sled, Ski boose snowmobile sled, chase yard lounge, 3.5 self propelled lawn mower, metal glider chair, misc. hand tools, Reliance Master XL gear motor (new) and more.

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9. Personals



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50th Birthday
Terry

In Loving Memory of
Christopher David Pamerleau
Dec. 19, 1987 - May 16, 1994

Grant me O God, the heart of a child, pure and transparent as a spring; a simple heart, which never harbors sorrows; a heart glorious in self-giving, tender in compassion; a heart faithful and generous, which will never forget any good or bear a grudge for any evil. ♥
Grant me, O Lord, the mind and heart of thy dear Son. ♥

THE FRAMERY II New summer hours! See ad! (-14/9)

John Doe is home
visiting his parents, Jane Smith
just had a baby boy, The Jones were in
town for the holidays... **Let us know what
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10. Garage Sales

ST. FRANCIS THRIFT SHOP
Donated items which are clean and in good condition, may be brought to the shop Tuesday thru Saturday. We regret that we are unable to accept stoves, refrigerators or inoperable appliances. (-30-7-14-20-28/10)

GRAYLING PROMOTIONAL ASSOCIATION Huge garage sale. Something for everyone. Sat. May 23rd. 8:30-4:00. Location: Dr. DiPonio's parking lot. 5261 M-72 West. All proceeds go to Milltown Parade. (-14-21/10)

YARD SALE Saturday, May 23. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at 5742 Wellington Way, Grayling, off Old 27 North. Furniture, T.V.'s, baby clothes, household items. (-14-21/10)

Classifieds work for you!

84%

of community newspaper readers said their classified ad got results—either a sale or many calls.

Crawford County Avalanche
102 Michigan Avenue
Grayling, MI 49738
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10. Garage Sales

GARAGE SALE Fri.- Sun. 9-7 Argue's, on Oak off 4 Mile Rd. Follow signs. Six family. (-14/10)

YARD SALE 110 State. Couch, table, chairs, entertainment center, bedding, baby items, small items, small appliances, lots of toys. Sat.-Sun. 9 to 5. (-14/10)

ST. FRANCIS THRIFT SHOP
1 6445 West M-72, Grayling
1-517-348-2572
Beginning of Summer Sale!
25% off the original price
on shorts, knit tops & shirts,
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May 19 thru May 30
Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday and Friday
10 am to 4 pm
Saturday 10 am to 2 pm

10. Garage Sales

LARGE GARAGE SALE May 22-23. 9-6. 1 1/2 miles down AuSable Trail. (-14/10)

YARD SALE 607 Lake St. May 15 to 16. Canceled if rain. 10 to ? (-14/10)

ANTIQUE GLASS and garage sale. Some furniture, Avon collectables, books, misc. Fri., May 22 thru Mon., May 25. 1350 W. Federal Hwy. (Old 76), one mile E. of Exit 244 (I-75). (-14-21/10)

EIGHT FAMILY SALE Wow, come and see. May, 14-15-16, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 200 Fulton St. (-14/10)

GARAGE SALE Fri., May 15 (one day only), 8:30 A.M. to 4 P.M. Nintendo w/games, hamster cage, books, formal, clothing in different sizes, toys, dishes, miscellaneous, much more, at 206 Misty Way, Grayling. Follow signs. (-14/10)

GARAGE SALE May 16 and 17, 8-4, 2319 Marshall Rd. Furniture, tools, clothing, misc. (-14/10)

RUMMAGE SALE
Friday, May 15 • 9 am-5 pm
Saturday, May 16 • 9 am-3 pm
Mt. Hope Lutheran Church
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11. Automotive**11. Automotive**

1993 TOPAZ Teal, automatic, cruise, tilt, air, power mirrors, aluminum wheels, luggage rack, new tires, struts, & mounts, and tie rods. Clean, no rust. 90,000 miles. \$4,400. 517-348-9388. (-7-14/11)

'88 CHEVY CORSICA Clean, runs great, many new parts. Call Pat at 348-1782. (5/7-98tf/11)

FOR SALE 1987 Pontiac Sunbird. \$1,500, 82,000 miles, two door, sun roof. 348-1075. (-7-14/11)

FOR SALE 1990 FORD F-250. 4 X 4, six cyl., five speed, 100,000 plus miles. New transmission, water pump, radiator, alternator, starter, clutch and like new tires. Topper w/racks. \$5,000. 348-3982. (-7-14/11)

MARATHON 22' DODGE CHASSIS 400 V-8, all accessories, self contained, excellent condition, stored inside. \$10,900. Ph. 517-348-7720. (-14-21/11)

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'97 BLAZER LT four door, 4 WD, pos., towing pkg., shield pkg., cold climate pkg., 38,000 miles, \$19,000. 348-2566. (-14/11)

'76 FORD PICK-UP 3/4 ton overload springs, camper top, food body. \$500 O.B.O. 1668 Acklin Lane, Grayling. 517-348-7210. (-14-21/11)

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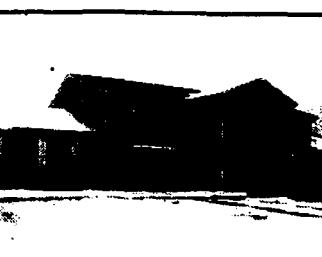
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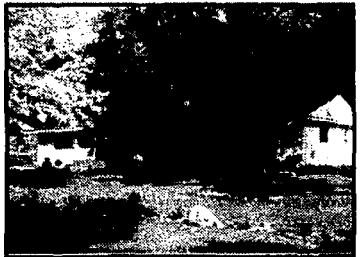
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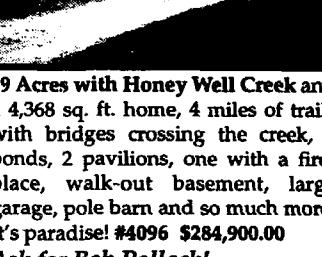
Very well maintained 4-5 bedroom home has fantastic location in the city of Grayling. Large spacious rooms throughout. Current use is duplex rental, however only minimal labor to convert back into single family dwelling. #4187 \$89,500.00
Ask for Connie Winans!



Excellent Income Property, currently 18 apartment units fully rented, and the additional unit to be under construction March 98. Each building has 4/2 bedroom, 2/1 bedroom, apartments. Appliances included, general laundry in each building. No dual agency available, #4230 \$735,000.00
Ask for Debbie Bondar!



CLEAN 3 BEDROOM cottage is located on 3 acres of land with over 300 feet of frontage on the AuSable River. Snowmobile trails & State Land are very close by & easily accessed. #4221 \$45,000.00
Ask for Connie Winans!



Attractive Home Near Lake Margrethe offers 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, large living room, attached garage all on a double lot. Some extras include covered porch, 30x24 garage with attic storage, cement driveway and more. #4190 \$69,900.00
Ask for Debbie Bondar



Great Location in Sherwood Forest

Ideal floor plan has 3 bedrooms, 2

bathrooms, enclosed 11x18 back

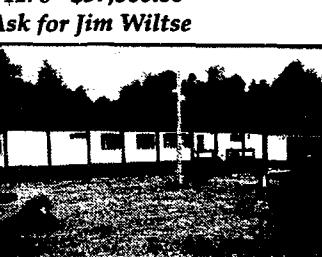
porch, large 8x24 breezeway leading

to the 23x18 garage. Blacktop circle

drive. #3986 \$55,900.00
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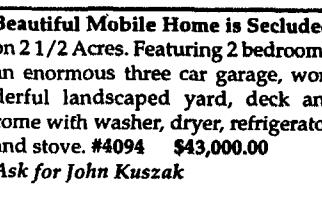
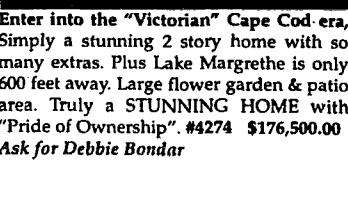
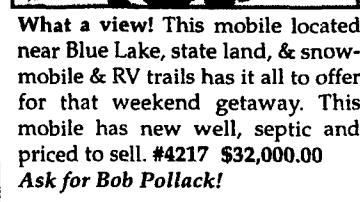
39 Acres with Honey Well Creek and a 4,368 sq. ft. home, 4 miles of trails with bridges crossing the creek, 3 ponds, 2 pavilions, one with a fireplace, walk-out basement, large garage, pole barn and so much more! It's paradise! #4096 \$284,900.00
Ask for Bob Pollack!



"NEW LISTING"
This two bedroom home can be a great investment opportunity or a starter home. Has a privacy fence in back yard, located in town for convenience.

Close to Lake Margrethe!
Large home in nice neighborhood, with mature trees, full basement and beautiful landscaping on 1.3 acres.

#4145 \$70,000.00
Ask for John Kuszak



What a view! This mobile located near Blue Lake, state land, & snowmobile & RV trails has it all to offer for that weekend getaway. This mobile has new well, septic and 600 feet away. Large flower garden & patio area. Truly a STUNNING HOME with "Pride of Ownership". #4217 \$32,000.00
Ask for Bob Pollack!

Enter into the "Victorian" Cape Cod era.

Simply a stunning 2 story home with so many extras. Plus Lake Margrethe is only

600 feet away. Large flower garden & patio

area. Truly a STUNNING HOME with

"Pride of Ownership". #4274 \$176,500.00
Ask for Debbie Bondar

Beautiful Mobile Home is Secluded

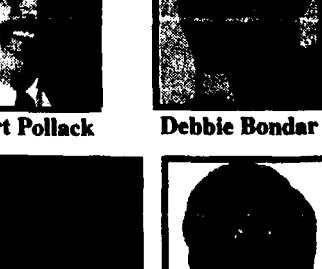
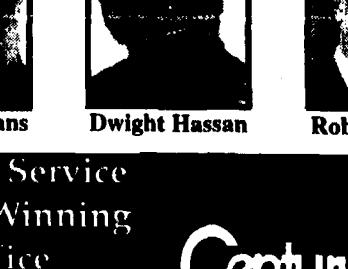
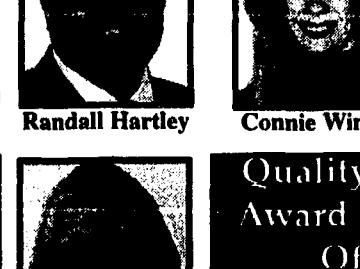
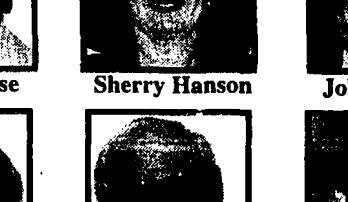
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